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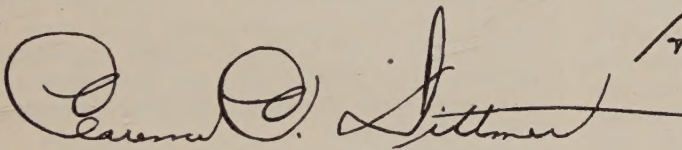
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Merry Christmas

HE Headquarters Family of The Luther League of America, with one voice shout *Merry Christmas!* We believe there is no group of folks anywhere who will have more to do with making this Christmas merry than the Luther League Family. We are trying, for the moment, to visualize the merry-making of our thousands upon thousands of Luther Leaguers. It will not be a selfish merry-making, will it? The poor, the lonely, the ill, the sorrowing and the forgotten, will be comforted by singing choirs, by laden baskets, by warm clothing, by toys and games, by friendly calls, and by the retold story of the Babe of Bethlehem. The secret of a Merry Christmas is a Christmas characterized by the making of many merry.

We wish you again—*Merry Christmas!*

And a Happy and Prosperous New Year


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The League at Erie. Uncle Bob's Booth at the U. L. C.



YOUR MONTHLY EPISTLE

Dear Folks:

It is hard to use modest language in speaking of the impression made by the League in Erie. Uncle Bob Wolf had his literature table and model camp exhibit in the best location and he was busy answering questions from morning till night. Miss Mehlhouse was also on hand not only to conduct the Junior Demonstration Sunday afternoon, but also to consult with many inquirers about her department. I could not be away from home any longer than was absolutely necessary so attended only Friday and Saturday. Through the kindness of Dr. Knubel, I was given opportunity to speak Saturday afternoon when the morning schedule crowded the Luther League off the regular order.

The substance of my address was: "Pride in Our History, Optimism as to Our Future and Loyalty to Our Church."

The attitude of Church leaders everywhere is sympathetic to the League. There is a clearer appreciation as to our place among the forces for religious education. There is also a growing sense of responsibility on the part of Synods toward League support. "It is great these days to be a Luther Leaguer."

I have spoken recent Sundays in Muhlenberg Memorial, Dr. Calvin Swank, pastor; and Messiah, Dr. Ross Stover, pastor, both in Philadelphia. I brought greetings to the Philadelphia District, and to an organization meeting of Section C of the District. I attended the Western New York District at Buffalo, conducting a Question Box and speaking at the supper hour. On the same trip I spoke for Rev. John Dudde, of Liverpool, New York, and Rev. C. P. Jensen, of Zion Church, Syracuse.

On the return trip, I stopped off at Hartwick to visit my parents. I found them well and busy as ever.

There, life-long contacts with young people keep them young. It is a fine recipe for perpetual youth. I also conducted a fellowship forum at the Seminary. The three departments are now distinct, Prep School, Seminary, and College. The latter is located in Oneonta, eighteen miles away. The first year opens with 170 freshmen, a very remarkable showing.

I was with Rev. C. C. Snyder, of Centre Square, one Sunday evening, speaking to his League, and the same week at St. Michael's, Allentown, attending a District meeting. So is my time occupied.

The woes of an editor are mainly caused by a total inability to please everybody. Nearly every month some one tells me that my topic write-ups are too shallow and lightweight. Some one else rises

to affirm that they are too heavy and cannot be used by the average League. Then somebody lets me know that some joke in the Ice Box Cake was vulgar and in poor taste, while a learned Doctor of Divinity laughs himself half sick over the very same joke. It's a great life! I shall continue to try to please as many as possible, but shall have to be satisfied, as I see the subscription list run up over seven thousand from three thousand. Say it with subscriptions!

What shall I say about finances? We must arrange to borrow \$2,000 to meet our obligations this month. Mainly because our Sustaining Membership has not come up to the budgeted figure, \$5,000. We have about \$4,000. The other \$1,000 is in unpaid dues. If every reader would take this situation seriously and go right out to get \$5 or more, from a League friend, we could discount our note this month. Send them in and we will send out the certificates.

Will you help get the 1,000 New Junior Leagues in 1929? The way to assure Senior leadership is to grow it.

Christmas is coming! It is the time when we try to translate some of God's love to us into love for others. The more unselfish our Christmas is, the more we will enjoy it. True love is always self-forgetful. God sent the Babe to Bethlehem because He was thinking of us. Let us examine our motives in Christmas giving and be sure they are God-like. To make others happy because God sent His Son, is to have a blessed Christmas.

Faithfully,

Amos John Traver

1929—One Thousand Junior Leagues

BOOKS WE COMMEND

Christmas is coming! The Editor would know "gift time" was on the way by the new publications reaching the editorial sanctum. Books have always been a temptation and it has not been difficult to make time for the small library that arrived this month.

Our own **United Lutheran Publication House** makes several notable additions to its output this fall. The series of texts for the Weekday School is now completed. "**God's Good Gifts**," by Mabel B. Fenner is for eight-year-old primary children. There are twenty lessons, each providing for the Pre-session Period (for early comers); the Story, Memory Work, Hand Work, and A Worship Period. The teacher's book is 85 cents and the pupil's 60 cents. The illustrations are splendidly chosen and the material presented in a way that leaves no excuse for failure on the part of the teacher.

"**God Working Through Mankind**" is by Eva M. Stiltz, and maintains the same high standard shown in her two previous texts. This was written for the 9-11 year group but with the 11 year child specially in mind. Miss Stiltz has handled some stories very difficult to present successfully to the Juniors, but her work is so skillfully done that her characters will fairly live for her pupils. The home preparation required looks most interesting and ought to secure willing co-operation. There is included a valuable table of hymns and stories to be used with each of the thirty chapters. The teacher's book is 75 cents and the pupil's 50 cents.

"**The Family Service Book**" is here at last and should fill a real need in the Christian home. Two of the three members of the original committee, Drs. A. T. W. Sternhauser and E. K. Bell have both been "called home" leaving the completion of the task to Dr. P. Z. Strodach. This volume forever answers the question: What book can we use for family or private devotions? It follows the Church Year and gives the Bible references in full. The selection of prayers is well chosen and indexed. The price is \$2.00, which we hope will be reduced because of a large sale. Every member of the family should have **The Family Service Book**.

Our genial friend, Secretary George Louis Rinkliff, of the Laymens Movement, has produced a delightful stewardship book under the title "**Administering God's Gifts**." He writes as easily as he speaks and we read it from cover to cover at one sitting. He discusses these questions: Why stewardship? Why take it seriously? The Church and Christian stewardship. The Church member and Christian stewardship. Motives, Means and Methods. Here is one of the many passages we should like to quote: "There is no way of telling how many times the Church has failed in leading its members in good works in the name of Christ; but it is safe to say that many of such failures, if not all of them, can be explained by the failure to stir up their love, before summoning them to the good works." This book at 50 cents is a lot for a little. A timely pageant for Christmas, "**The Prince of Peace**," by Eilert C. Nielsen, is another new offering. It provides for twenty-two in the cast besides pastor, reader, and choir. But this cast may be reduced by "doubling" parts. We are eager for an opportunity to see "**The Prince of Peace**," price 25 cents.

"**The Ministry of Love**," by Dr. Foster U. Gift, (United Lutheran Publication House, 1928, \$.75), is the latest of the Key Books. This whole series has been edited under direction of Drs. Knubel and Scherer, and

is intended for a study of the United Lutheran Church. This volume is devoted to Inner Missions, Deaconess Work, Ministerial Pensions and the National Lutheran Council as the works of Christian love in our Church. The first chapters ground the ministry of Mercy in the very heart of Christianity. Speaking of Jesus, he says: "Indeed, it may be said that He did most of His preaching through deeds of love." Then after giving a clear picture of the above mentioned agencies at work, he closes with three chapters on the Workers in the Ministry of Mercy, their training and their support and care. In eight interesting lessons a study group would be rewarded generously in information and inspiration by the use of this text. At the close of each chapter a series of questions is listed to aid in class work.

"**The Ministry of Love**" is replete with challenging suggestions. Speaking of the congregation, the author says: "The program of the congregation must be sufficiently comprehensive and varied to provide something for each one to do, which will truly become an expression of Christian love. Anything less than this is an inadequate program." How many congregations could measure up to this service standard?

Dr. Gift is quite aware of the possibilities of the Luther League in Inner Mission Work and refers several times to the League. While the author's kindly attitude toward the League needed no demonstration, these references are appreciated.

Two quotations are aptly made that offer the pledge of Life Service. "I cannot do everything, I can do something. What I can do, I ought to do, and by the grace of God, will do." The other from Marcus Dods, "While men are applauding the great workers who ostentatiously wipe the sweat from off their brows and pant, God is regarding the unnoticed worker who feels he is doing little, who is ashamed that anyone should see his work, who regrets that he can do no more, but who is assured that the Master is well worth serving."

For hundreds of Leagues to take up this book for eight weeks study would mean infinitely much more to the increase of the Ministry of Love in the Church.

Ernst Kaufmann, 7-11 Spruce Street, New York City, is offering a fine selection of gift books and the Church School Library. They are printed in Germany and are both well done and well printed. There are three missionary stories: "**Famous Missionary Pioneers**," and "**The Hero of the Forest**," by W. G. Palock, and "**Among the Heroes**," by H. Berderbecke, the reminiscences of an African missionary. This last book was translated by our friend, Rev. J. A. Weyl, of Grace Church, New York City. The catechism in story form appears as "**Pilgrims of the Narrow Way**," by Theodore Graebrier, and under the pseudonym "Uncle Timothy" he writes "**Ring Bells for Christmas**" for the little tots. Dr. Graebrier also has written a book of stories for boys and girls, "**Christmas All the Year**." All these volumes are sold at 30 cents. One more book by Dr. Graebrier "**Heart's Treasure**," is for older scholars and teachers, at 50 cents. With this young library of books came the 1929 calendar by Dr. W. H. T. Dau, of Valparaiso University, "**Day by Day with Jesus**." This is an annual production anticipated with eagerness in many thousands of homes. Each day offers a verse and comment by Dr. Dau and others, also morning and evening lessons. It is a work of art as well as a help to devotions. The price is 60 cents, or \$6.00 per dozen.

Dr. C. P. MacLaughlin, pastor of the Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta, Georgia, was laid at rest on Friday, November 16th. He succumbed to an abdominal ailment from which he had been suffering for a number of months. Death came only a few hours after he had completed the exacting work of the organization of the annual Every Member Canvass, and had delivered a sermon on "Men Fight to the Finish."

Dr. MacLaughlin had a distinguished career in which he never dodged the hard and difficult problems of pastoral life. He occupied pastorates in Pittsburgh, Chicago, Concord, N. C., Greensburg, and Myersdale, Pa. During all his years of service he was a true friend to the Luther League movement and leaves a host of friends among younger and older Luther Leaguers.

The sympathy of the Luther League of America is extended to the bereaved family.



**They're
Healthy!
Help them
stay that way
BUY
CHRISTMAS
SEALS**

THE NATIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL
TUBERCULOSIS ASSOCIATIONS
OF THE UNITED STATES

"YO-HO-HO!"

By Elizabeth Cole

"Fifteen men on the dead man's chest—
Yo-ho-ho, and a bottle of rum!"

Over and over again. "Fifteen men on the—Jerusalem!" cried Jimmy, shaking himself, "if I could only get that line. Fifteen men on the dead man's chest—Yo-ho-ho, will the next line come? Yo-ho-ho, it won't, by gum! Well, I'm getting groggy, I guess."

"You always will be groggy, you poor lubber, if you hit the deck with us," broke out a gruff, tottering voice.

"Who's hitting any decks?" demanded Jimmy.

The owner of the voice stuck his head out from behind a great barrel. His appearance lived up to his voice. A faded blue shirt, open at the neck, with ragged sleeves rolled to the elbows, revealed a hairy chest and tattooed arms, none too clean.

"Captain Bones," shouted Jimmy, "Billy Bones, shiver-my-timbers!" and ran toward the old man. "Yes, there's the saber cut on his left cheek!" he whispered to himself. "Where am I?" he asked aloud.

"Why, matey, you be on the cleverest craft that ever skimmed the seas. And mind yer manners or ye'll be walking the plank with the rest of the buccaneers," he added, for Jimmy began to jump up and down, shouting "Whoopee! I bet the treasure's here, too. Where's the chest, captain?" he began, but the captain made a lunge toward him, pulling out a ferocious-looking cutlass.

Then suddenly out from the hold poured forth a motley looking crew of sailors. There was Black Dog, wanting two fingers of his left hand, tallowy face, sneer and all; Arrow, with earrings and a squint; Israel Hands, the coxswain, chewing his quid, with his grizzled hair falling over his withered face; O'Brien, a red cap on his matted hair, and a leering grin. And there where the great barrel had been, loomed a large chest of treasure. Sitting on top of it, swinging his one leg and blandly smiling, was Old John Silver himself. On his shoulder perched Cap'n Flint, the screaming parrot.

"Dash my buttons, there's my treasure!" cried Jimmy, running toward the old sea cook and his parrot. But the parrot, with a loud burst of gabbling sea talk, began to shout: "Pieces of Eight! Pieces of Eight!" over and over again.

"Yes, old Long John, that's my treasure and you know it," shouted Jimmy at the top of his lungs.

With that, all the swashbuckling pirates leaped forward and closed around Jimmy. Straightway, such a fight took place as was never seen on land nor sea.

Jimmy seized Long John Silver by the shoulder, crying: "What an old sea-calf you are, to be sure!"

Nimble the one-legged man threw him off and jumped up onto the chest, shouting: "Pipe up—all hands at him! Shiver my timbers, but the lad's spry!"

The mob of buccaneers pressed in on all sides. They clawed at the boy, clawed at each other, flourished their pistols and cutlasses, screeched blood-curdling yells, fired deafening shots, quivered and grunted. So much noise, so many arms flourishing, and there was Jimmy in the midst, fighting barehanded, laughing and shouting with glee.

"I've got you, George Merry! Down you go, you old mahogany-faced Morgan! You'll never call for rum again, bad Billy Bones. Now for you, my hearty, you and your sweet-mouthed parrot!" And sure enough, down

they did go. One by one, like tenpins, the brawny seafarers were knocked to the deck where they lay writhing and groaning.

"Bravo, Jimmy!" came a voice through the din.

"Dr. Livesly, as I live!" cried Jimmy. "Yo! Ho! Ho! We've got 'em all. The treasure's safe at last. Now let's look to the sails and the rudder. Yo-ho-ho, here's the ship of health. Safe again with its priceless wealth. We got it, doctor. We got the treasure back," and Jimmy began to pound the neat little doctor on the back, shouting "Yo-ho-ho" at the top of his lungs.

"What's the idea, Jimmy?" said his big brother's voice. "Hey, wake up and snap out of it!" He thumped Jimmy on the shoulder and tried to disentangle him from the rumpled bedclothes.

"Hello, what's this here?" he asked as he pulled out a book from under the pillow. "No wonder you're fighting pirates—here's your **Treasure Island**. And what have you got here? Ha! Ha! A bunch of Christmas seals! Well, you old scooker, with your pirates and your ship of health! What a rip-roaring old nightmare you had!"

"Um," murmured Jimmy sleepily, "you know I got to fight with those seals. The pirates can't have that treasure of health. I got to sell a lot of seals tomorrow and keep the ship o' health sailing."

* * *

And so, my friends, you probably have suspected by now why this story was written. In December, everybody who buys and sells Christmas seals is helping in the fight against tuberculosis. That is probably what Jimmy's teacher had told him and maybe she also had told him that Robert Louis Stevenson, who wrote **Treasure Island**, had been robbed of his health—that he had been a victim of tuberculosis. And so Jimmy, in his dream, was trying to restore the treasure of health. Anyway, it was all a conglomeration of people and thoughts and maybe will serve as an inspiration to lots of other boys and girls to help "Fight Tuberculosis," through buying and selling the little ships of health.

SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS IN INDIA

The following group of clippings is from the "Indian Standard":

(The following observances are taken from the Hindu festivals of Janam-Ashtami, Ram-Nawami and Diwali; also from Western usage.)

1. Three days before Christmas Day the house shall be thoroughly cleaned, plastered and beautified.

2. During these same days the Christians are to gather at some convenient time and place to hear "kathas" of the prophecies concerning Christ's advent, and of the incidents connected with His birth.

3. During these days the presentation of little scenes connected with the birth of Christ, e.g., the coming of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem, the story of the shepherds, etc.

4. The gathering to sing Christmas "bhajans" and "gazals."

5. On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day the doorways of all houses shall be garlanded with leaves and flowers and lighted as during Diwali.

6. Fasting on Christmas Eve.

7. Vigil during the early hours on the night before Christmas in anticipation of the birth of Christ. When the birth of Christ is announced, after midnight, there shall be the exchange of congratulations, the singing of songs of praise, followed by a few hours' rest.

8. The first thing Christmas morn all should bathe with perfumed hot water.

9. Family prayers, at which "Tu mere dil ka hai aziz," or some other hymn expressing the idea of the great treasure God gave on Christmas Day, may be sung.

10. The Christians of the community, assembled at a convenient place, shall raise the standard of the Star of Bethlehem, and with music and singing follow it in procession to the church for the general Christmas service.

11. The exchange of presents, even though the value be small.

12. A feast in which family relations, the officers of the church and the poor may be invited, and after which there should be fireworks and other indications of rejoicing.

—Record of Christian Work.

A SUGGESTED PROGRAM

From the "Ohio Bulletin" we borrow the following suggested program for the League Christmas meeting. It is by Mr. Albert A. Birch, of Trinity, Canton.

1. **Quiet Music:** Tune, "Morning Star"

2. **Enter Prophet** in costume. Reads from scroll. Psalm 13:4 and Isaiah 9:6, 7.

3. **Duet:** "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night" (Hymn or sacred composition)

4. **Alternate Singing.** League divided into two sections. Hymns—"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" and "Joy to the World." Sing stanza one of the first hymn, then stanza one of the other, then two, etc., until the finish. No music between stanzas. Sing with spirit.

5. **Scripture:** Luke 2:1-14

6. **The Christmas Prayer**

7. **Unison Hymn:** "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

8. **The Story:** (See Luther League topic in November Review)

9. **Tableau.** Mary at manger, sings: "Sleep, My Little Jesus," or lullaby. During the singing of "Angels from the Realms of Glory" enter various characters, in costume, suggested in hymn. Form tableau.

10. **Leader:**

"It is not the weight of jewel or plate,
Or the fondel of silk or fur.
'Tis the spirit in which the gift is rich
As the gifts of the Wise Ones were.
And we are not told whose gift was gold,
Or whose was the gift of myrrh."
Let us now worship our King
With our gifts of offering.

11. **The Offering.** (Received by Angels)

12. **Instrumental Music Offertory**
(Tableau exit after offering)

13. **Readings:** Christmas Poetry

14. **Closing Hymn:** "Silent Night"

15. **The Lord's Prayer**

16. **Doxology,** followed by Benediction

17. **Postlude:** Tune, "Carol"

IMPORTANT CONCLAVE

The Executive Committee will meet on January 15th, 1929, in the Muhlenberg Building. Any one desiring to present items for action on the part of the Committee should send them to the General Secretary without delay. This will be the last session before the Omaha Convention.

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 Rev. William H. Myers by Grace Senior Luther League, Reading

Rev. F. W. Kohler by Grace Junior Luther League, Rochester
 St. John's Junior Luther League, Mohnton
 Christ Junior Luther League, York

SOUTH CAROLINA, total 33

TEXAS, total 12

VIRGINIA, total 29

Trinity Luther League, Newport News
 Muhlenberg Luther League, Harrisonburg
 Luther League, Virginia Heights Lutheran Church, Roanoke
 Mr. F. C. Hamer
 Luther League of Virginia

WEST VIRGINIA, total 2

WISCONSIN, total 3

Pennsylvania Leads

With a majority of twelve, the Keystone State is leading New York. But how long? Still two more reports before January.

What the Editor would like to know is the mental attitudes of League leaders in State and Synodical Leagues with a small handful of Sustaining Memberships. There is still time to make good.

Present indications point to a bank note to meet bills to January 1st. If the Sustaining Membership had done its duty—or if all our League friends had done their duty to the Sustaining Membership—this would not have been necessary.

STATEMENT OF DUES

Up to and Including December 7, 1928

	State	Amt. Billed	Amt. Pd.	Amt. Due
Northern California	\$ 47.00	\$47.00		
Southern California	79.75	79.75		
Columbia District	39.75	39.75		
Connecticut	90.25	90.25		
Florida	32.50	32.50		
Georgia	118.75	118.75		
Illinois	231.75	231.75		
Indiana Synod	129.75	129.75		
Iowa	88.50	88.50		
Kansas	80.00	80.00		
Maryland Synod	360.75	360.75		
Michigan Synod	108.00 (1927)	73.25	\$34.75	
Michigan Synod	101.50 (1928)	76.75	24.75	
Minnesota	78.75	78.75		
Nebraska	163.50	163.50		
New Jersey	76.50	76.50		
New York	736.24	736.24		
North Carolina	600.00	600.00		
Nova Scotia	30.50	30.50		
Ohio	701.25 (1926)	411.25	290.00	
Ohio	701.25 (1927)		701.25	
Ohio	750.00 (1928)	234.65	515.35	
Pacific Northwest	21.75 (1928)	21.75		
Pennsylvania	2,228.75	2,037.98	190.77	
South Carolina	396.75	396.75		
Texas	93.00	93.00		
Virginia	425.00	200.00	225.00	
Wisconsin	59.50	59.50		
	\$8,570.99	\$6,589.12	\$1,981.87	

SOUTH AMERICAN OBJECTIVE REPORT

Up to and Including December 7, 1928

FIRST CLASS—UNDER \$100

	Quota	Paid		Quota	Paid
6—North. California (2nd in 1st Class)	\$ 25	\$25.00	Nova Scotia	30	
9—Columbia District (4th in 1st Class)	65	67.50	7—Pacific Northwest (3rd in 1st Class)	30	30.02
2—Florida (1st in 1st Class)	25	40.00	Miscellaneous	30	
Georgia	50	2.00	Trinity, Miss.		15.00
			Grace, Miss.		10.00

SECOND CLASS—BETWEEN \$100 AND \$500

	Quota	Paid		Quota	Paid
Southern California	\$130	\$100.00	Minnesota	130	120.00
Connecticut	200	119.27	3—Nebraska (2nd in 2nd Class)	275	369.00
1—Illinois (1st in 2nd Class)	400	512.50	5—New Jersey (3rd in 2nd Class)	130	199.45
Indiana	220	136.11	Texas	150	2.50
Iowa	150	109.82	8—Wisconsin (4th in 2nd Class)	100	155.75
Kansas	130	123.48			
Michigan Synod	170	107.68			

THIRD CLASS—BETWEEN \$500 AND \$1,000

	Quota	Paid		Quota	Paid
4—Maryland Syn. (1st in 3rd Class)	\$610	\$615.00	South Carolina	900	400.00
			Virginia	700	142.25

FOURTH CLASS—\$1,000 AND UPWARD

	Quota	Paid		Quota	Paid
New York	\$1,700	1,300.00	Ohio	1,200	213.00
North Carolina	1,075	572.11	Pennsylvania	3,800	3,100.00

OUR 1929 OBJECTIVE

Just as the Luther Leaguers rallied to the challenge of the Andhra College and South America Objectives—so **we are counting** on them to rise to the great opportunity which our new Objective—the organization of **One Thousand Junior Luther Leagues**—offers.

Quotas

Class A—Over 100		Class C—25 to 50	
Pennsylvania		Maryland	45
Divided as follows:	260	California	30
Allentown	10	Illinois	25
Altoona	25	Indiana	25
Berks	25	Nebraska	25
B-M-C	10	Virginia	25
Erie	5		
Greensburg	10	Class D—Up to 25	
Harrisburg	10	New Jersey	20
Johnstown	15	Michigan	15
Lancaster	10	Columbia District	10
Northeastern	10	Connecticut	10
Philadelphia	25	Florida	10
Pittsburgh	25	Georgia	10
Ridgway	10	Iowa	10
Schuylkill	10	Kansas	10
Susquehanna	25	Minnesota	10
Upper Lehigh	10	Texas	10
Isolated	10	Wisconsin	10
New York	200	Isolated	10
Ohio	125	Nova Scotia	5
Class B—50 to 100		Pacific Northwest	5
North Carolina	50	West Virginia	5
South Carolina	50		

Most of the Leagues have accepted their quota. **Pennsylvania**, in spite of the fact that they are already so well organized, gladly accepted their share of 260 new Leagues and is hard at work to secure them. **New York** is enthusiastic and at work for their quota of 200. **Ohio's** share is 125, and their Junior Secretary is making plans to reach their goal. If these three Leagues can organize 585, the other States combined should easily more than reach their quotas.

Maryland has accepted her amount. The **Pacific Northwest League** is planning for an every congregation visit. The Junior Secretaries everywhere are ready. The Juniors themselves are most enthusiastic, and they are the very best advertisement for the Junior League. It only remains for the Senior Leaguers to do their part and our goal shall be reached. "A Junior League for every Senior League" is our watchword.

The Quotas

Who will be the first in each class to reach their quota?

Plans

1. **November 10th** was "Nation Wide Junior Rally Day." If you did not have the children meet together on that day and give a program to which the Seniors were invited—it is not too late—plan for such a meeting at once.

2. **December 1-15.** The President, Executive Committee and Junior Secretary of each Synodical (State) League should meet together and make plans for their territory. They should arrange for the following during December and January:

(a) Literature to be sent by the Corresponding Secretary to every Senior League in the territory. (Leaflets on the plans of the Junior League, registration blanks, etc., should go to every League. Order these now from League Headquarters—free.)

(b) Local Leagues should be visited at their regular meetings and the work of the Junior Department presented by the Junior Secretary or some worker. The Extension Committee might plan this.

(c) Pastors and workers in those churches without a Senior League should be interviewed and the ad-

visability of starting with a Junior League suggested.

(d) A Junior Workers' Conference should be arranged for January 5th, when at least one representative from each Senior League should attend, and practical plans on the work of the Junior League be discussed.

(e) Every Junior League already organized should be asked to go to another church where there is none, giving a demonstration of a Junior meeting, and the Superintendent should speak on the work. (The Committee or Junior Secretary should arrange this.)

(Where there are Districts, these plans apply to the District.)

3. **January 5, 1929.** Junior Workers' Conference held as noted above. Write at once to Headquarters for a suggested program.

4. **January 10th.** First report to Headquarters. The Executive Committee of the Luther League of America meets on January 15th, and we want to make our first report at that time. How many new Junior Leagues can we report by that time? Send on January 10th, so that it reaches the office not later than January 12th, a report of how many Junior Leagues have been organized in your territory and any prospective Leagues.

5. **February 3rd.** "Junior League Day" in the Senior League. On this day a pageant, "Necessity vs Opportunity," and a program, "The Hope of the Church," is ready to be given by every Senior League. A challenge is to be given to the Seniors to work with the children and leaders secured. Several Leagues may combine and give this program or it may be made a District affair. But the appeal is to go to the local League.

6. **February 10th.** Second report sent by the Junior Secretaries to Headquarters.

7. **March 10th.** Third report sent by the Junior Secretaries to Headquarters.

8. **April 10th.** Fourth report sent by the Junior Secretaries to Headquarters.

9. **May 4th.** (Child Health Day.) A pageant, "Even These Little Ones," to be given by the Juniors. This is to be given for the congregation, that they may see the work of the children.

This pageant is also to be a part of every Synodical (State) and District Convention during 1929. The Junior Secretaries should plan for this now. Sample copies can be obtained from Headquarters.

10. **May 10th.** Fifth report sent by the Junior Secretaries to Headquarters.

11. **June 10th.** Sixth report sent by the Junior Secretaries to Headquarters.

12. **July.** Rally at Omaha. Junior Secretaries present and a report from each League as to the number of new Junior Leagues organized and a special recognition given to those already reaching quota.

Can we count on every Leaguer to help?

"Seldom can a heart be lonely
If it seeks a lonlier still,
Self forgetting, seeking only
Emptier cups of love to fill."

1929=1000 Junior Leagues

An Ice Box Cake

THE CHURCH AND YOUTH

We sometimes get things reversed in our religious thinking. This is often seen in ideas as to the relation of the church and society generally. It is particularly the case in discussions of the whole youth problem. There is a disposition to regard the church as a kind of suppliant in the presence of youth. We like better this view of President Kenneth C. M. Sills, of Bowdoin College:

"Youth has never been greatly interested in the Church nor in religion, and human nature does not change very much as the years go by. But youth today is clearly in need of spiritual discipline, and in this age of individualism it needs such spiritual discipline more than ever."

On this matter of religion and youth Dr. John Timothy Stone has expressed a very optimistic view. Doubtless a good many young people are becoming a bit weary of the twaddle that forms much of the talk on the subject now, and are quietly deciding to find out for themselves about the church and her message. Dr. Stone says:

"I have found youth in our colleges and schools more responsive of late than ever before, when the subject of divine things has been naturally and sensibly presented. I believe more students are voluntarily attending Christian services than formerly, and personally I never knew the time when they did not do so."—Churchman Fellowship.

Somebody wrote that this page was an unworthy addition to the Review. He said if he wanted jokes he could buy "College Humor." We had to suggest that he skip this one page. So long as it seems to please a lot of our Review family we better leave it in. What do you think of "An Ice Box Cake"?

"IT IS THE EXTRA MILE THAT MAKES THE CHRISTIAN; THE MEASURED MILE MAKES THE PHARISEE."—Samuel W. Chadwick.

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"Three gallons of gas, please," said a man driving up to a filling station.

"Yes, sir. Want some cylinder oil, too?"

"No, just gas."

"Do you want some paint? Your car needs it, and we've got some dandy paint—heat-proof, dirt-proof, guaranteed to wear long."

"No, I want only gas today."

"Then you want your car washed?"

"I said I wanted only gas."

"You want a tire, then. We've got some good non-skids. Only \$40 apiece. Want one? Yours—"

"I tell you I want only gas today!"

"Yes, sir; but—say, your rear lights are all shot to pieces. You need new ones. We just got in some dandy new crack-proof celluloid lights. Shall I put some in?"

"No! I want only gas, do you understand?"

"Your magnetos needs adjusting—didja hear that funny noise in the motor when you stopped? It needs adjusting. I'll fix it, what?"

"No! I want only gas—gas! Do you hear!"

"Yes, sir!" And the motorist drove away. But for once the garage man had got even with his barber.

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A HEART WARMER

(Tune: "Till We Meet Again")

Smile a while and give your face a rest;

Stand up straight and elevate your chest;

Reach your hands up toward the sky

While you wag your head so freely;

Limber up and turn around a bit,

As you were, and now before you sit,

Reach right out to someone near,

Shake his hand and smile.

Uncle Amos asserted in a recent number that the world was still waiting for the answer to the question: "Why is a hen?" Who should rise to object but Miss Laura Wade Rice, of Baltimore. Her philosophical observation on the subject came on a post card. On the back of the card appears in big type:

ANY OLD ROOSTER CAN MAKE A NOISE;
IT TAKES A HEN TO LAY AN EGG!

That didn't answer the problem, of course, unless it suggests that the men folks make the noise while the women do the work. We will leave that discussion for another time. On the front of the card was the answer to the problem long awaited by the world.

"Thoughts of breakfast should unshackle,

Visions of the whence and when;

E'en in moulting-days should cackle

Of the why-ness of the hen."

—Poet (of the) Egg Laura Ate.

We are beaten, Miss Rice, beaten fluffy white!

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A resident of a city was roused from his slumber one night by a ring from his telephone. Taking down the receiver he heard a voice say:

"Hello. Is this—"

"No!"

"Isn't this—"

"No! Wrong number! And, what's more, you've dragged me out of bed at 2 in the morning. Who the deuce do you want?"

"Isn't this the college librarian?"

"What? Yes!.... Goodness, has anything gone wrong! Is—is there a fire?"

"No, everything's all right. But I'd like to know, when do you open in the morning?"

"Half-past eight. Why—"

"Couldn't you open earlier? Maybe 8 o'clock?"

"No, I can't, and I won't! And what do you mean by disturbing me at this time o' night? Are you a student?"

"A freshman, sir."

"Well, of all the nerve! Where in the deuce are you?"

"Locked up in the library, sir."

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HAVE YOU CEASED TO SAY, "CAN GOD?" HAVE YOU LEARNED TO SAY, "GOD CAN"? THEN REJOICE FOR YOUR DELIVERANCE IS AT HAND.—G. H. C. MacGregor.

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"FAITH TURNS A PROMISE INTO A PROPHECY."

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From carelessness about the good companionship of prayer, of praise and of gratitude! from slothfulness and ungraciousness in ministering to our neighbors; from recklessness and selfishness in getting and spending; and from timidity in combating uncleanness, intemperance and vice,—

Good Lord, deliver us!

—Record of Christian Work.

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"INSTANT OBEDIENCE IS THE ONLY KIND OF OBEDIENCE THERE IS. DELAYED OBEDIENCE IS DISOBEDIENCE."

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The bookkeeper was peevish.

"What's wrong?" asked the boss.

"That pretty typist you insisted on engaging spells atrociously."

"Is that so? Fine! She must be good. I couldn't spell it."—Manager's Magazine.

FATHER TIME TOURNAMENT

MRS. S. T. PETERSON

Reception. Have someone dressed to represent Father Time, and four girls to represent each of the seasons, as reception committee to meet guests.

Schedule

Usher guests into social room, have displayed around room pictures of some of important events of the year with no titles, each to be numbered, and give guest card and pencil and have them indicate by numbers the pictures they recognize. Prize to be awarded for one having largest number correct.

Line up group in single file, holding hands, starting with January through to December—play Labyrinth as follows: Guests stand in single file, first a man, then a girl. Each one extends his right hand forward to the one next in front and the left hand back, grasping the hand of the one behind. All march forward, winding up into a spiral. When wound as far as possible, the director faces about, the rest keep the lines joined. The leader then shakes hands with and introduces himself to the one who was directly back of him, passing on to the next and so on to the end of the spiral. As soon as he has passed, number two does the same. Number three then begins, and each one in turn goes through the same procedure, thus making it inevitable that every guest has met every other one and that they have all met the leaders. (From "Ice Breakers.") For the games played off during each month of the year, the committee shall keep track of winners according to season and prize may be awarded to season scoring highest for the evening.

January—Snowball Race. After Labyrinth, divide into four groups according to seasons—form four (4) teams. Have four (4) white baskets and six white tissue snowballs in each basket and spoon for each team—play as Relay Potato Race.

February—Heartring Toss Game. Four teams as before pick one contestant from each team—have three (3) stakes, one gilded to represent Wealth and counts five (5) points; second has wreath of laurel at base to represent Fame and counts ten (10); third wrapped with red to represent Love and counts twenty-five (25) points; three (3) heart-shaped rings of heavy wire. Take turns throwing and first to score one hundred (100) wins.

March—Visiting Lakes of Killarney. Place newspapers or green paper on floor to represent lakes, and while a lively Irish tune or tunes are played on the piano, players keep moving over lakes. When music stops, any one having foot in lake must drop out.

April. At this time each group could give a Stunt.

May—Lindy's Flight. Use toy aeroplane balloons for this race—four teams—object being for each couple in each team to waft balloon across the room and back again. Run off as relay, one couple replacing another. Players are required to touch balloons with finger tips only, and in all their efforts to keep aeroplane on straight and narrow path. Partners must keep arms linked tightly.

June—Honeymoon Race. Choose couple from each season or month to compete—suitcase with wraps and hats for both—at signal, must run to suitcase, pick out apparel and dress each other — remove clothing, close suitcase and get back to position.

July—Flag Relay. Formation: Players are divided into a number of equal circles (seven to fifteen players in each). One player is designated the starter in each circle, and holds a flag. Players join hands and hold them high.

At the signal to go, the starter in each circle runs into the circle under the arms of the two players to the right, out under the arms of the next, and in and out around the circle until he returns to the vacant place, where he gives the flag to the next player, who weaves in and out around the circle.

The race is won by the circle whose last runner first returns the flag

(Invitation)

FATHER TIME

requests the pleasure of your presence
at a

Tournament

of the Months of 1928

Monday Evening, December 31st

From 9 to 12 o'clock

.....Church

Come Wearing or Bringing Something to
to Indicate Your Birth Month



to the starter.

August—"I Do Not Choose to Run" Race. Have someone to represent President Coolidge in a battered toy automobile which bears a large sign, "I do not choose to run"; or have a walking, skipping, or hopping race, in which the participants "do not choose to run."

September—"Shuffle Quick," or some other alphabet game.

October—Musical Game. "Jolly Miller" or a Halloween Game.

November—Toss the Ball. Twelve baskets marked one for each month—one contestant from each team—suspend twelve baskets and each contestant tries to throw ball into basket of same month. Balls going into baskets of different months do not score—can allow two throws for each ball.

Refreshments. Seasons to serve. Salad or sandwiches for Spring; beverage or ice cream for Summer; nuts and candy for Autumn; coffee and cakes for Winter.

December—Singing Contest. Singing proverbs. Four groups then change into other songs, and then to carols, ready for worship program.

Just "SCADS" of News=But NEWS

So much News that other articles had to be left over till next month

CANADA

Mr. John Lauman, Vice-President of the Canada League, succeeds Mr. Clayton Schaus as Literature Secretary. Mr. Schaus has set a high standard in the pages devoted to the League in the Canada Lutheran. Mr. Lauman has every requisite for the succession. Canada does not lack for capable leaders.

St. Matthew's, Hanover, entertained the Leagues of the Western District in October.

St. Matthew's, Brantford—Pastor Sterz entertained the fall rally in his home. Roasting corn and marshmallows engaged the earnest attention of the Leaguers after the meeting.

During the operation of the Student Aid Fund of both Young People's Societies before the merger and since, 22 students have become beneficiaries of the Fund. Fourteen are now serving in the ministry (two of which are in the foreign field); one beneficiary has been called to the Heavenly Home; three have discontinued studies; four others are still pursuing studies. Two have fully repaid loans; other graduate beneficiaries are doing so gradually.

St. Matthew's League, Waterloo, Ontario, had a very interesting meeting recently with Rev. Aksim speaking on conditions in Russia. He reports 12,000,000 Lutherans in Russia.

INDIANA

Nashville, Tennessee—Who likes to have just lots of fun? Well, it is very evident that the Luther Leagues of the First Church in Nashville do. September 28th we went on a wiener roast and could have easily proved to any doubters that we like lots of fun. The fun started as soon as the first car arrived and lasted until the last car was gone. Several contests were held and everybody entered into them wholeheartedly. The first was a necktie contest in which several of us boys received a sample of getting hung. Another was a monkey contest, at least the director started a grand rush when he yelled, "Monkey." The contests were held to work up an appetite and they sure did their work well, for we cleaned up all the eats, much credit being due to our local champion, Mr. Fred Hann. Coffee (some of the best ever made), bacon and cheese, and the mighty "hot dog" composed our bill of fare. Contests were under the supervision of Miss Dorothy Haury, assisted by Mr. Robert Nebrigg, our former President. Our President, Mr. Chris Hauff, and his very able entertainment committee are planning some good things like this for the future. To be successful a League must grow, and we showed our willingness at the last business meeting by adding two new members to our force. Others are bound to follow.

CARL MARSH



Cordelia S. Nickel, Rec. Sec'y,
Lutheran League of Indiana Synod



Verna Schwab, Vice-Pres.,
Lutheran League of Indiana Synod

See You
in Omaha
July 6 to 10
1929

MINNESOTA

Ruth H. Johnson, Editor of the "Minnesota Extender," says an encouraging word about the interest the Minnesota pastors are taking in the work of the Young People. She also boasts of the fact that Rev. Boserman of Holy Trinity, St. Paul, and Rev. Wicklund, State Educational Secretary have both been invited outside the State to speak on Luther League work. The former at Nebraska and the latter at Wisconsin.

The following is an interesting paragraph from the Extender:

Weddings

Romance and weddings have occurred this year as in other years, despite the fact that it is "Leap Year."

Agnes Sorenson and Arthur Kastner, of Holy Trinity, St. Paul; Esther Olin and Thomas C. Nash, of Faith, St. Paul; and the most recent wedding of which we have knowledge is that of Olga Hanson and Samuel W. Bowman, of St. Mark's, North St. Paul, occurring on Saturday, October 20th.

Oh, and we almost forgot—Emmett Erickson and Ruth Haberbush, of Holy Trinity, Minneapolis. We quote a little ditty from "The Friendly Tattler," the official organ of Holy Trinity League:

"Ruth had a little beau,
She loved him very dearly;
This is leap year as you know
Now she "owns" him yearly."

The Twin City Picnic at Prior Lake in August was the best yet. St. Paul won the ball game so, of course, they were happy. Everybody had a good time—even the mosquitoes. The only suggestion for improvement for next year we can make is that the "signs" along the road be just a little larger.

Miss Emmaline Lambrecht is teaching on the Indian Reservation this year. "She has been living a life of service wherever she has taught, and prayers and gifts are asked for her work."

SOUTH CAROLINA

Another business-like Luther League! The printed minutes of the South Carolina Luther League came to my desk recently. It is a credit to the Secretary, Mr. F. K. Rook, Jr. It also indicates the fine type of work that is being done in the south.

Interesting and Inspiring Life Service Program
at St. John's Luther League, Charleston, S. C.

"Life Service Day" was observed most effectively at St. John's Luther League, on the evening of October 28th, 1928. The program was in charge of Miss Katie Freyschmidt, Life Service Secretary for the League, and was conducted under her most capable leadership. A very unique and original program was arranged, with messages from the various persons who have entered into "full time" Life Service from the five Lutheran Churches of this city, four being presented in person, and others through testimonial letters received from those who were unable to attend the meeting. The theme of the program was "Why Did I Enter Into Full Time Life Service?"

It was the great privilege and honor of the League in having as its guest, Mrs. A. J. Stirewalt, missionary to Japan, and her two little daughters, who were dressed in native Japanese costume, and who brought greetings from that country. Mrs. Stirewalt gave a most inspiring and interesting talk on the subject at hand. The League was also greatly honored in having with them at this service Sister Dorothea Hesse, Deaconess in charge of the Franke Home of this city; Miss Edna Lunden, Parish Worker at Ebenezer Church, Columbia, S. C., and Mr. George Metz, theological student at our seminary in Columbia, all of whom presented very interesting talks, and gave their personal reasons for entering into Life Service. The letters received from the others who have entered full time life service were read by different members of the League, and were much appreciated by all for the wonderful and inspiring messages they contained. Those from whom letters were received were as follows: Henry A. Schroder, William Ducker, William Stender, Aline Kreps, Helma Schack, Bertha Waller and Annie Tollner.

Placed in a position where it could be seen by all was a beautiful Life Service Banner, bearing the Luther League Emblem most elaborately painted by one of the members, also bearing a list of the names of those who have entered full time life service, with a large space left vacant to add the names of those who will yet "hear the call" and enter into this holy service. "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few." Who will be the next to say: "Here am I, send me?"

A delightful musical program was rendered, and enjoyed by all. The meeting was well attended and reverently conducted, and of great spiritual value and benefit to all who were privileged to attend. Some heart surely must have been touched—some ear have heard the "call" for full time life service in the vineyard of the Master and the furtherance of His Kingdom here on earth.

MINNIE L. LESEMANN,
President

The Lutheran Messenger of the South Carolina Synod contains a splendid column of convention echoes gathered by Miss Elberta Sease, Educational Secretary. Here are some of them:

Do we not recall the following? "The ideal educated person is the one who knows how to earn a living and how to live a life."—Rev. J. E. Stockman.

Three reasons why the head should be educated:

1. That youth might look within and see himself as a man.
2. That youth might look without and see himself a real citizen.
3. That youth might look up and see himself a real Christian.

—Dr. P. D. Brown

May we as workers in the Luther League pray the beautiful poem prayer that Rev. Karl Kinard quoted in his talk on Luther League methods:

"Three things, grant me, good God above,
Understanding, faith and love.
Love in my heart, faith in my soul,
With understanding to see the goal.
Faith as the way, love as the light,
With understanding to keep me right.
For faith is the seed, and love is the flower,
But understanding the living flower."

H. Alton Roof says, "The future Church was in convention assembled to educate the hearts and heads for greater service than the hands."

And from Rev. C. K. Derrick, "Listening in on the convention of our young people, one could not help but be impressed with the encouraging reports of the officers. The introduction and the work of the Departmental Secretaries has done more than anything else in the last five years of the League's history to advance the work of the young people. The League seems perfectly organized and perfectly at work."

COLUMBIA DISTRICT

(Oregon and Southern Washington)

Editor Salzman of the Bulletin, writes as follows in reference to the death of the local League President at Vancouver. The whole League family joins in sympathy.

We had made a mental arrangement of this Bulletin, but it needs must be changed. When the news reached us of the sudden passing of William (Bill) Lindebloom, President of St. Paul's League of Vancouver, we were more than shocked. A few weeks ago he had taken Louise Burke, of Salem, as his bride. While in Idaho on a sad mission, he was stricken with infantile paralysis and passed away. Though never connected with the District in an official way, he was always willing to work and serve when called upon. St. Paul's League had a real leader and Leaguer in Bill. Always wearing a smile, ready to admit the good in others, but challenging them to better things, was Bill's way. We shall miss him more than we can say.

Your Editor extends his personal sympathy, that of the District officers and of the entire District League to his young wife and his immediate family. May our prayers help to strengthen them in their sorrow.

The Convention of the Columbia District was held in Eugene, Oregon, October 12, 13 and 14. The following write-up appears in the Columbia District Bulletin. It is by the Editor, William E. Salzman.

Post-Convention Edition

(Being the Personal Impressions of "Ye Ed.")

Our Hosts

We feel that as young people we understand the aims and ambitions of the Church which claimed us for the days of Convention, from October 12 to 14. United Lutheran Church of Eugene has a mighty task, a big future and an even bigger heart. Amid most trying conditions they are serving their Lord by ministering to the youth attending the university there. In their cheerful way they soon made everyone forget we were just visitors. Hospitality to the "n-th" degree was soon our lot. Seems as though all we did was eat, and then eat some more, whether in the Convention Dining Hall or in our place of entertainment. "Mother" Beistel and her helpers did themselves due proud. We shall come again when not so hungry.

Registrations

Total registration at the Convention was 47, including visitors. Fourteen others registered and paid the fee, being entitled to the Convention badge, program and a personal copy of this Bulletin. The registration fee helped materially in meeting our expenses. Salem League brought the largest delegation with 10 present; Redeemer League, of Portland, brought 9, with 2 others registered but not in attendance.

The Theme

The Convention Theme, "Crusading with Christ," was brought out in two addresses, one Conference and a Sunday School lesson.

Speakers and Their Messages

Captain Elmer Huset, Chaplain, U. S. A., at Vancouver Barracks, Washington, spoke on the theme at the opening session. Using the Convention Motto as found in Matthew 28:19, 20, he spoke in soldierly fashion. Amongst other things he told his hearers that "to crusade means to enter a project with zeal and enthusiasm. The ultimate object of this Youth Crusade is to evangelize the world. No matter in what task a crusader finds himself engaged he stands free, erect, radiant, self-forgetful, invincible in the greatness of Christ." We were most happy to listen to Chaplain Huset and will have other things to report concerning him and his work in the future.

Rev. C. W. Almen, of Astoria, substituted for Rev. W. I. Eck at the Sunday morning service. He chose as his theme, "Put on the Whole Armor of God," using as his text Ephesians 6:13-17 and enumerating the five weapons of offense and defense which a true crusader uses in his battles against evil.

Conferences

Rev. P. W. Erickson, Pastor of our Lutheran Church of Salem, led the Conference on Evangelism at the Saturday afternoon session. Time did not permit him to do full justice to this important topic, so he gave several book titles on evangelism which he hoped all Leaguers would read.

Our District President presented the Conference on "Junior Work," showing how easy it will be for the District to report 10 Junior Leagues during 1929. She listed some of the many helps obtainable and urged their purchase and use.

Miss Marie Stutz gave the Conference on "Devotionals" in her own peppy way. Her material helped answer many of the questions raised in the afternoon's Question Box. Perhaps repetition helped make the argument more conclusive.

Ralph Luedtke handled the Question Box. Some of the questions should be sent to Uncle Amos for answer. Not that they were unanswered, but because we believe they are the ones which are worrying every League, but we hesitate asking them. All in all, we believe the Conferences were well received, but would ask for more time to be given to this feature at our coming Convention.

Business

Reports were read from every officer and committee chairman, though not all were present at the Convention to submit their report. The report of the President and the Treasurer were mimeographed to expedite matters. Owing to the business-like manner of handling the reports they were soon disposed of.

Resolutions

Numerous resolutions were adopted. (1) The selection of our Convention Motto as that of our District for the coming year; (2) The re-adoption of our District Efficiency Goals with proper interpretations; (3) Attendance at the 1929 Omaha Convention; (4) Emphasizing Junior Year in 1929; (5) Observing Life Service Day; (6) Completing our quota for Luther League Hall Fund (receipts at Convention helped us to oversubscribe); (7) Joining the National Publicity Exchange; (8) Leagues and Leaguers to become Sustaining Members; (9) Increase number of District Bulletins; (10) Adopt Budget for 1929 as presented (\$200); (11) Accepted applications from La Grande Intermediate and Astoria Junior and Senior Leagues.

President's Banner

The discussion waxed warm and furious on the report when presented and from out of the smoke came the news that Redeemer League of Portland had won the banner with a total of 15.42 points out of a possible 20. St. James', Portland, scored 14.38; St. Paul's, Vancouver, 14.15; and Zion, The Dalles, 13.62. The League winning the banner two years in succession retains permanent possession. Remarks passed around indicate that a merry battle will be on for the year 1929.

Our Officers

The following were elected officers on the first ballot:

President, Miss Olive Abrahamson, re-elected. No one deserved the honor more. Compliments were extended her on all sides, but they just caused her to resolve that next year was to be the "best yet." Vice-President, Mr. Robert Austin, former Corresponding Secretary. As Chairman of the Executive Committee, he will be able to introduce some of the ideas which have been in his mind and on his lips for a time. Recording Secretary, Miss Grace Beistel, one of our younger Leaguers. With a long line of worthy predecessors to emulate, we feel she'll do all expected of her. Corresponding Secretary, Miss Marie Stutz, a bundle of League energy. We'll vouch her letters will have everyone doing things before long. Treasurer, Mr. Ralph Luedtke, former Vice-President. He has such taking ways and with the habit learned at St. Paul's we should never be in want.

Two familiar faces will be missed from the Board of Officers. Miss Esther Hermans, for four years our Recording Secretary, having refused to run again, we were forced to seek another. We hope she'll remain on the official family, for her judgment regarding much work will be needed.

Miss Victoria Kummer, our past Treasurer, having changed her Church affiliations, was forced to give up her office. We wish her joy in the service of her new church.

Personal (More or Less)

Rev. W. I. Eck, who was to address the Convention on Sunday morning, was threatened with pneumonia at the time. The conventionites regretted his condition, and passed resolutions of regret to be conveyed to him.

There are delegates and delegates. But the delegates that win the cactus ball towel are those who leave the meetings of Convention and stroll or loiter near the Convention meeting place. Nuff sed.

How quickly Leaguers can disperse when not told to. Imagine every Leaguer intending to return to slumberland at 9 P. M. We're not as dumb as we look.

Ralph, our genial Treasurer-elect, said he had learned to "squeeze them for money" and his art won him the treasurership.

This Convention has given us so many personal notes that we shall run a special column each month to include them all.

Where do we go from here, Leaguers?—Salem in 1929.

PENNSYLVANIA

The Luther League of Grace Church, Lancaster, has prepared its history which is a record of splendid accomplishments. The banquet at the Stevens House was a great success. There was plenty of pep. The speaker was Rev. G. H. Bechtold, of the Inner Mission Society of Philadelphia.

Trinity, Coatesville, had a splendid talk by Mr. Rae Reynolds, Secretary of Boys' Work in the local Y. M. C. A.

A Life Service Rally was held in Zion, Lancaster, with Rev. Henry C. Cornelsen, Jr., as speaker.

Two new Leagues are reported for York District, St. James', Senior, of West York, and St. Paul's, Intermediate, of Spring Grove. An Intermediate Rally was held in Christ Church, Dallastown, with Rev. Paul M. Kinports as speaker.

Every-Member-Get-a-Member is the slogan of the Philadelphia District.

The following new Leagues were received at the Fall Convention: Christ, Upper Darby; Grace, Drexel Hill; and Zion, Whitemarsh. Since the Convention, a Luther League has been organized at Messiah, Philadelphia, "The Friendly Church." At the Fall Convention the attendance banner was awarded to Incarnation for the largest delegation present and Transfiguration for the largest percentage of members present. Grace, Drexel Hill, and the Settlement League were very close to the winners. The speaker was Rev. Ross H. Stover, D.D., whose subject was "Modern Esaus."

West Philadelphia, Main Line Section, was organized on November 5th in Incarnation Church. The new President is Mr. Earl F. Stoner. Mr. Gerald Neely, a student at Mt. Airy, delivered the address.

Germantown-Northwest Section Rally was held on November 8th in St. Michael's Church. The speaker was Mr. Fred W. Mook, Sr., of Ascension Church.

The Seventy-second Convention of the Pittsburgh District was held on Luther's Birthday, in Mt. Zion Church, Rev. G. E. Swoyer, pastor. Among the speakers were Rev. J. F. Bermon, Rev. A. W. Steinfurth, and Rev. Luther A. Krouse. There was also a Junior Rally in connection with the Convention.

The Harrisburg District held its Presidents' and Workers' Dinner in October. It was a great success.

Susquehanna District had addresses on its fall program by Rev. Robert J. Wolf and the State President, John G. Kurzenknebe.

An ambitious program of Thanksgiving Rallies was arranged throughout Pennsylvania. Every District met either on Monday evening or Tuesday evening, November 26th and 27th, for a Thanksgiving Rally. A uniform program was used. The Pennsylvania Luther Leaguers gained a great thrill out of this simultaneous rally.

Susquehanna District

The Second Annual Convention of the Susquehanna District Luther League was held in First Lutheran Church, Millflung, Pa., Dr. William M. Rearick, pastor, Tuesday, October 23rd. The afternoon session was opened with a devotional program led by Mrs. Blaine Klose, after which the regular Convention business was transacted, the China Fund was stressed. We are happy to announce that two Leagues have enrolled with us this past year and have encouraging reports from several others who are contemplating enrolling soon.

The theme of the Convention was "Our Leagues at Work," and was discussed by three speakers. Miss Mary Holsapple, President of the Senior League, Zion, Sunbury, talked on the Senior Work. This was discussed by a number of Seniors present.

Rev. Robert Wolf complimented the young man that took the Intermediate discussion. Walter Swank, a Senior in Susquehanna College and also Superintendent of the Intermediate League of Zion Church, Sunbury, showed us "Why We Need an Intermediate Luther League." Rev. Wolf said in short, two reasons for an Intermediate League: First—To conserve the training of the Juniors; Second—To prepare for the Senior League.

Mrs. George Groninger, of Pottsgrove, Junior District Secretary, had charge of the talk on Junior Work. The Juniors of the entertaining church gave the sketch, "The Ten Virgins," showing just what the Juniors can do.

We now have eight churches with Leagues registered in the District, representatives from five churches were present, beside five visiting churches. St. John's, Northumberland, and Zion, Sunbury, have all three divisions of the League work and had representatives present from each League. We had forty delegates and visitors for the afternoon session and one hundred in the evening.

The ladies of the church served a very fine meal, and John J. Rinehart, of Sunbury, led in group singing.

The devotions in the evening were conducted by Rev. William M. Rearick, the pastor of the entertaining church. Rev. Robert Wolf, the Intermediate Secretary, Luther League of America, was the evening speaker. His subject was: "The League Functioning in Relation to the Church." Rev. Wolf said it was well for us to ask the question of the "text," it showed that we were willing to learn and that we wanted to be led rightly. The thought was developed along the Luther League Motto—"Of the Church, by the Church and for the Church."

The report of the State Convention was given by Sister Anna J. Friedrich, the delegate. John George Kurzenknebe, President of the Luther League of Pennsylvania, brought greetings from the State Luther League. Greetings were also received from Uncle Amos. The District has promised to help with the Omaha "Penny" Fund. For the benefit of the kind friends and interested ones, I might say that the penny now has 3,400 others to keep it company. Thanks, friends. Yes, I am still saying, "See you in Omaha."

The officers were installed by the State President, Mr. J. G. Kurzenknebe, of Harrisburg, using the Candlelight Service. After a few remarks by the new President, Rev. John Rine, the Convention was closed with the benediction.

Rev. John B. Kniseley, one of the extension members, had charge of the Convention in the absence of the President, who moved out of the District.

The newly-elected officers are as follows: President, Rev. John Rine, Beaver Springs; Vice-President, Rev. Melvin Drumm, Middleburg; Secretary, Sister Anna J. Friedrich, Sunbury; Treasurer, Miss Ethel Dieffenderfer, Pottsgrove; Extension Committee: John J. Rinehart, Sunbury, Chairman; Rev. C. R. Simon, Lewistown; Rev. A. Crouthmal, Freeburg; Rev. J. B. Kniseley, Northumberland; Elmer J. Hall, Sunbury; Educational Secretary, Miss Irene Kerstetter, Shamokin; Missionary Secretary, Miss Eva Minnick, Lewistown; Life Service Secretary, Raymond Rine, Selinsgrove; Intermediate Secretary, Walter W. Swank, Sunbury; Junior Secretary, Mrs. George Groninger, Pottsgrove.

SISTER ANNA FRIEDRICH,

The Susquehanna District held their Thanksgiving Rally in St. John's Lutheran Church, Northumberland, on Tuesday evening, November 27th, with Rev. George Nicely, Williamsport, as the speaker.

Life Service Flag Dedicated

A very impressive service was held in Zion Lutheran Church, Sunbury, Sunday evening, October 28, when a Christian Life Service Flag was dedicated.

Victor Teischer, our Life Service Secretary, had charge of the service. A duet, "Have Thine Own Way, Lord," was most appropriate at this time. A beautiful satin flag with four blue and three gold stars on it, was presented by Dr. Charles Bowers, the pastor, to Mr. Victor Teischer, who accepted it in behalf of the local League. The gold stars represent Warren Wolfe, Robert Wolfe and Walter Swank, all in Susquehanna college studying for the ministry. One blue star in the white field for Miss Louise Eister who is training at the Lutheran Deaconess Motherhouse for Parish Work. Three blue stars for the young women who are in full time Christian service, Miss Mildred Winston as Young Women's Student Secretary, Miss Mary Ethel Shelley, Parish Worker in Fitchburg, Mass.; and Mrs. Miriam Treon Miller, a missionary in Africa.

The closing duet, "Take My Life and Let It Be," was well rendered. Miss Mary Holsapple, our Senior President, suggested that we have a season of silent prayer for Rev. C. R. Bowers, our pastor, and Sister Anna J. Friedrich, our Deaconess, which was quite impressive.

MRS. FRANK G. SMITH,

JOHNSTOWN DISTRICT LUTHER LEAGUE CONVENTION

The Fourth Annual Convention of the Johnstown District Luther League met November 9-10 at Friedens Lutheran Church,

Friedens, Pa. Rev. B. F. Rudisill, pastor of the Friedens Church and also Chaplain of the Convention, carried on the theme of the State Convention, "My Generation and the Kingdom."

At 1:30 registration was opened for the delegates and visitors of the Johnstown District, after which devotionals were in charge of Rev. H. C. Michael, of the Moxham Lutheran Church. President Edwin D. Stutzman opened the business session at 2:30, at which time the following persons were appointed to serve as the nominating committee: Rev. M. R. Gortner, Davidsville Luther League; Robert Dumeyer, Trinity Luther League; Mrs. Mary Donges, Moxham Luther League; and Mrs. Johnson, Berlin Luther League. John George Kurzenknebe, of Harrisburg, State President, was given charge of the conference at 2:45, at which time he gave a practical demonstration to the Leaguers present. Mr. Kurzenknebe handled his conference very ably and much benefit was received from it. After an intermission of a half-hour, business was called to order by the President. The selection of delegates to represent the District at the National Convention at Omaha was referred to the Executive Committee. The Nominating Committee submitted their nominees, and after the proper form of election the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Ernest B. Freeburn, Trinity Luther League; Vice-President, Ruth Ross, Friedens Luther League; Secretary, Mary Trent, Moxham Luther League; Treasurer, Harvey N. Logue, Berlin Luther League. The business session adjourned at 5 o'clock.

Eighty-five Luther Leaguers were assembled at the banquet hall at Friedens for their fourth annual banquet. The different Leagues of the District were distinguished by their songs and cheers. "John George" brought greetings from the State, as well as the Harrisburg District, while Mrs. Swavely brought greetings from the Junior Department of the State Luther League, and Dr. Doty, of the Intermediate Department of the State. The banquet would hardly have been a success without the presence of Dr. L. P. Young, Missionary Superintendent of the Allegheny Synod; Rev. William I. Good, President of the Allegheny Synod; Rev. C. P. Bastian, Statistical Secretary, Allegheny Synod. The presence of these officers of the Allegheny Synod was greatly appreciated. Other pastors of this District present were Rev. C. N. Shindler, Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Michael, Rev. and Mrs. M. R. Gortner, Rev. and Mrs. B. F. Rudisill. Toasts were given throughout the evening and battles of jokes were given out by the different ministers. The banquet closed with every one in high spirits.

Evening vespers opened with a march song, "Onward Christian Soldiers." The Scripture Lesson was read by Rev. C. P. Bastian. A prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Doty, of Butler. The Friedens League presented the anthem of the evening, "Sunshine in My Soul." "The Parable of the Talents" was dramatized by the Friedens Junior League, under the supervision of Miss Ruth Ross. The Intermediate League of Friedens dramatized the "Parable of the Ten Virgins," under the direction of Mrs. Melvin Bender. The Convention address, "My Generation and the Kingdom," was delivered by Rev. Charles N. Shindler, pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church, Johnstown. The Friedens Senior League then pantomimed "Nearer My God to Thee." The Friday evening session was closed with remarks from "our John George." Visitors were assigned to their respective hostesses.

The final session opened at 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning with Chaplain Rev. Rudisill in charge of the devotionals. At 9:30 the Intermediate Conference was promoted by John Foerster, of Trinity Luther League, with the help of State Intermediate Secretary, Dr. Doty. Miss Ruth Ross, District Junior Secretary, promoted a fine Junior program with the assistance of Mrs. Ralph Swavely, State Junior League Secretary.

Ernest B. Freeburn, acting President, had charge of business. At this time greetings from Luther Leaguers of Pennsylvania were received. A motion that we receive the bid from the Trinity Luther League for the Fifth Annual Convention, was accepted. A motion was also made that the Executive Committee of the Johnstown District form means of raising funds to send delegates to Omaha. The report on the Harrisburg Convention, given by Robert Dumeyer, Trinity Luther League delegate, was accepted and referred to the Executive Committee. A motion was also made that each Luther League select their delegates for the ensuing State Convention to be held at Allentown, Pa., to be approved by the Executive Committee. The acting President, Ernest B. Freeburn, closed the Fourth Annual Convention with the stating of objectives to be strived for during his administration.

The ladies of the Friedens Church invited the Luther Leaguers to a closing luncheon.

The Convention as a whole was considered inspirational and successful by all Leaguers in attendance.

PITTSBURGH DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Seventy-second Convention of the Pittsburgh District Luther League was held in Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Pittsburgh, November 10th, 1928. Rev. G. E. Swoyer, pastor. Rev. C. E. Reed, Monaca, Pa., was Chaplain of the Convention. The Convention theme was "Christian Heroes."

At the morning session officers and committees gave their reports. The reports show that League work in the District is steadily advancing.

Rev. J. F. Berman, New Brighton, Pa., was the speaker, having as his theme, "When Men Died for the Faith."

In the afternoon, Rev. A. W. Steinfurth, Greensburg, gave a talk on "Lutheran Pioneers in America," choosing Dr. Muhlenberg and Dr. Passavant as the two great Lutheran pioneers in America. Simultaneous conferences were given as follows: Junior Superintendents Conference, Mrs. H. C. Storf; Branch Officers Conference, Mr. Charles Fuhr; Ways that Succeed in League Work, Mr. D. A. Kommel. The Juniors held a rally in memory of Dr. Martin Luther's birthday at 2:00 P. M.

The evening service was in the form of a Grand Rally. Rev. Luther A. Krouse, Wilkensburg, delivered the address, the subject being "The Open Bible." In his address he told of the influence the Bible had on Luther's life and the influence it should have on every Christian's life.

The newly elected officers were installed at the evening service. They were: President, A. V. Landgren; Vice-President, Alfred Keehner; Secretary, Etta Smith; Treasurer, Hazel Nannah; Statistician, Mary Kornman.



Convention of Columbia District
Luther League
Held at Eugene, Oregon
October 12-14, 1928

Reading Left to Right, front row seated:
Robert F. Austin, Corresponding Secretary;
Esther Hermans, Recording Secretary; Olive
Abrahamson, President; Ralph Luedske, Vice-
President. (Old Officers—1927-1928.). Directly
back of Robert Austin stands W. E. Salzmann,
"Bulletin" Editor.

Two new Senior Leagues, one Intermediate and one Junior League were admitted to the District.

John George Kurzenkabe, Harrisburg, President of the Pennsylvania State League, was present and brought greetings. Mrs. Ralph G. Swavely, Reading, Chairman of the State Junior Committee, was also present and brought greetings from the Juniors of Pennsylvania.

One hundred and twenty-five delegates were registered from thirty-nine Leagues in the District.

MARYLAND

The following extract from the minutes of the Maryland Synod Luther League tells about the progress of the District of Columbia League. It is by Paul Brindle.

Report of the Luther League of the District of Columbia To the Seventh Annual Convention of the Luther League of the Maryland Synod:

Reporting of the activities of the Luther League of the District of Columbia since the Baltimore Convention, that mountain-top experience of enthusiasm and accomplishment, at which the Capital District was represented with 41 of its members, we offer this brief account.

The watchword has been "Efficiency" and to support our interest we have conducted an efficiency contest during the winter months and awarded a prize of a trip to the Omaha Convention to the League making the best efficiency rating. East Riverdale League won the trip.

The quarterly meetings have been arranged in similar manner as in previous years, with the annual business meeting in October, with the Educational Meeting in December when we had Rev. R. J. Wolf and Miss Brenda Mehlhouse as our speakers. Our Life Service meeting was held in March, when we had Rev. M. J. Bieber, D.D., as our speaker with a life service pageant by Atonement League. The Missionary meeting was held in June with Rev. L. M. Zimmerman, D.D., as our speaker, with an Inner Mission Pageant by Reformation League. We participated in the Interdenominational Rally in October.

We presented the religious drama, "The Rock," in April for the benefit of the Lutheran Inner Mission Society of Washington. In this we had the co-operation of all the Lutheran young people's organizations in Washington; the Walther Leagues of the Missouri Synod, the Luther Leagues of the Joint Synod of Ohio, the Young People's League of the Evangelical Synod and, of course, all our United Lutheran young people. That meant that a number of the Churches were supporting the Inner Mission program for the first time. The presentation was splendid and there was \$407.25 in proceeds for the Inner Mission Society.

We conducted a District League devotional meeting on the second Sunday evening in July at the National Lutheran Home for the Aged. The meeting was preceded by a fellowship hour and refreshments.

Educational Department: Mr. Irving L. Koch, Secretary, has assisted effectively in the devotional program. Conducted canvass for subscriptions to The Lutheran. The campaign for subscriptions to the Luther League Review revealed 36 League homes that did not receive the Review, and that meant 36 subscriptions. Sponsored the Washington Lutheran Training School for Religious Workers which held its first session November and December.

Missionary Department with Miss Emma Holzer, Secretary, has worked in connection with the Inner Mission Society and has done a remarkable amount of fine work. Held a District Missionary Rally on Buenos Aires Night, January 29th, when the District reported over-the-top on the day on which the campaign was to open. Incarnation League presented the pageant, "Under the Southern Cross."

Life Service Department, with Mr. Robert Volland, Secretary, who is now our President-elect, has made splendid progress.

Intermediate Department: Mr. Herman P. Riess, Secretary. Three Intermediate Leagues were organized during the year.

Junior Department: Miss Monica Snyder, Secretary. This Department was created during the year and we have no Junior Leagues as yet.

Publicity: Mr. Fred L. Schickler, our publicity chairman, has given another year of fine service in editing the Luther League column of the newspapers.

The News Letter has been issued monthly by the various officers in turn.

Of course, all dues are paid.

Nine of the ten Leagues are well organized with splendid groups of young officers, and we feel that the other League will be moving soon.

While the District League program has been well filled it has not been crowded so much as the previous year, which was our peak year of District activity, but more emphasis has been placed on the local League devotional program. At the close of the efficiency contest on May 1st, which is the date of our last report, fifty-six per cent of the members were reported as Daily Bible Readers, with several Leagues approaching well toward the one hundred per cent mark. About seventy-five per cent of the members participated in the meetings at least twice during the month. There are numerous other interesting items but time will not permit the enumeration.

We feel that our efforts have met with divine favor and have been crowned with success which is in line with our desire to maintain the model District League at the Capital.

Another project of the District of Columbia Luther League is the supper of the Washington Lutheran Training School for Church Workers.

NEW YORK

The following paragraph is from the letter of Rev. Fred E. Reissig, chairman of the Luther League Committee of the Synod of New York and New England. This was part of a letter sent out to the pastors of the Synod.

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We are all aware that Leadership is the crux of the success or failure of any organization. It is the one great thing needful in most of our churches. The Luther League stands for Leadership Training. Money raising is a by-product or it can be one of the ways of training. But to raise money is by no means the purpose of the Luther League. At the last convention it was voted to put the emphasis where the emphasis belongs, namely on these three things: Leadership Training—Missions—Life Service.

Pastors, will you not do all you can to help make the Luther League just what it should be—a Leadership Training School? If your Luther League has become merely a financial and social organization, it is not true to the high purpose of this great, growing institution, The Luther League of America.

The "Mirror" is out again and is a great credit to Al Thiem, the editor. Among the items that we notice are the following:

Rev. Clifford B. Holand, former assistant pastor of Advent Church, New York City, State Vice-President and Convention Chairman last year, has accepted a call to Grace Lutheran Church at Forest Hills, Long Island, since September 1st. He has won the hearts of a great many Luther Leaguers since he has been in the State work. Now we expect greater things from Long Island.

New York City District—The first get-together affair was a Life Service Rally on October 28th. At this service both the ministry and the diaconate were presented. The offering taken at this service went to Luther League Hall in South America. Sister Ruth and Sister Vernetta are two new deaconesses in the District. The Fall District Convention was held on November 10th. They are going to entertain the folks at Welfare Island on Thanksgiving Eve. Junior and Intermediate work is being stressed this year.

Genesee Valley District—Everyone is busy in Rochester these days planning for the 1929 State Convention. Of course, Rochester is the city where "Quality Dominates" so plan on attending the Convention and see for yourself.

A Fall Rally was held October 18th at Grace Church. Miss Tussing and Miss Mehlhouse were among the speakers.

"Go West"—Omaha, 1929!

The next National Convention of the Luther League of America will be held in Omaha, Nebraska, next July 6-10, 1929.

This is the first time the National Luther League is holding its Convention west of the Mississippi River.

St. John's, Poughkeepsie—The young people that joined the church in May were given a reception by the Luther League in September. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blank have moved to Pennsylvania. The Rhinebeck District Rally for the East Side of the Hudson was held at Manorton, October 25th. A Halloween Party was held October 31st.

Our Saviour Intermediate, Jamaica, Long Island—The members of this League carved ducks out of ivory soap and embroidered wash cloths for the orphan children. The boys have assisted the pastor with sending church mail. All the members took part in the Life Service Program.

Advent, New York City—In June they held a Japanese meeting. Miss Eiko Yonemura of Japan was the speaker. In July an outdoor devotional service was held, led by Mr. Rudolph Schulz, Luther League Secretary for Ohio. In September a farewell reception was given for Rev. Clifford B. Holand. A pastor's communion set was

presented to him. They received into membership Julius La Marsch and Miss Evaline Laus, of Somerset, Pa., and Mr. Andrew Stohrer, former President of the Syracuse District, now employed in New York City. A reception was held in honor of their new student worker, Mr. Altmann Swihart.

Holy Comforter, New York City—Intermediates

Here are a few of the many things which have been done by this League. "Members sing in the choir on Sunday evenings; distribute flowers to the sick; take care of babies during the morning service; have made picture books for the children in hospitals; served at Ladies' Aid Dinner; delivered the church envelopes; assisted with the clerical work for the pastor; and saw if any one needed hymn books during the service. The Intermediates are the pastor's "Minute Girls", always on hand ready to serve. A real power to any congregation.

Good Shepherd, Brooklyn, has had very inspiring devotional meetings using the Luther League topics. Once a month the League treats the inmates at King's County Hospital. They paid \$200 toward a building fund pledge making a total of \$1,000 paid by the Senior Luther League. They paid their quota of \$27 toward the educational building at Buenos Aires. The District Luther League Convention was held in their church October 27th. They are planning to have a booth at their church's annual fair.

St. Thomas, New York City—So far all the members have read at least one of the books of the Reading Course. At the business meeting they voted to give the proceeds of all social events for missionary work. Special effort is being made to retain the attendance banner at the next District Convention.

St. John's, Syracuse—The Junior, Intermediate, and Senior plan is working very successfully at St. John's.

Seniors—At the July picnic meeting at Buecheler's farm, a baseball game, a mock wedding in honor of Rev. Harry Kreider's bride, Elsie Schiermeyer, and a regular picnic dinner was enjoyed. The \$25 pledge to the Fred Heins fund is paid and have purchased the new Reading Course. The League served meals at the Missionary Convention held in our church. In November they had a covered dish supper and big social meeting at which they hoped to have every member present. For December, a fireplace meeting is scheduled at 518 James Street. November 1st the League held a German Supper. Florence Schiermeyer and Gertrude Edinger were September brides.

St. John's, Hudson—A play was given and \$600 realized. From this amount the Fred Heins Fund, Ministerial Pension and Relief Fund, and for the Sonyea Chapel Fund were paid. The pastor and League were made Sustaining Members of the Luther League of America. A big Hallowe'en Social was held. A large group attended the 225th Anniversary of the Lutheran Church at Athens.

Holy Trinity, Buffalo, members are busy reading the books of the Reading Course. A fine new bulletin board with the League colors was designed by Miss Sylvia Chamot. A Hallowe'en Party was held. Two supper devotional meetings are held each month. Miss Louise Henrich was instrumental in getting ten new subscriptions for the Luther League Review.

Atonement, Saugerties—Congratulations are in order for the following: Miss Rachall Nish and Augustus Neifer, and Miss Dorothy Genthner and Mr. William Spring who were united in marriage this summer.

ILLINOIS

The following personals appear in "The Luther Leaguer":

Miss Helen Wilkin was born and reared at Lanark, Illinois. Her elementary education was received at the rural schools and the public schools of the community in which she lived. In 1924 she graduated from Lanark Community High School. In the fall of the same year she entered Carthage College. After three years of college work, including two summers of work, one of twelve weeks at Carthage and one of six weeks' work at the New York Biblical Seminary, she graduated from Carthage College in 1927. During the same year she went as instructor to Konnarock Training School.

Miss Gladys McCune graduated from Muscatine, Iowa, High School in 1925. The following year she taught in Olive Branch Rural School. The next two years were spent at Carthage College. This work has given Miss McCune a first grade Illinois State Certificate. Miss McCune went to Konnarock Training School on September 1, 1928, as teacher of the primary classes and physical education.

Mr. Arnold H. Kaitschuk, of Bethel Luther League, Chicago, left this fall for missionary work in our field at Liberia, Africa. Rev. Kaitschuk graduated from Carthage College and the Chicago Theological Seminary, Maywood, Illinois. He had charge for one year at Iron Mountain, Michigan, before leaving for his new work as a missionary. He is being supported by the Luther League of North Carolina.

On September 1st, Mr. Rudolph Schulz took up the duties of Executive Secretary of the Ohio State Luther League. Before entering Carthage College, Mr. Schulz was the President of the Chicago Luther League. After graduating from Carthage College he did graduate work at the University of Chicago, and spent one year at the Maywood Theological Seminary. He is to hold this new office while a student at Hama Divinity School, Springfield, Ohio. He succeeds Mr. Carl Satre, also a Carthage graduate and an Illinois boy, his home being in Rockford. Mr. Satre is now studying in Germany.

Fourth Rally of the Southern Illinois District

This Luther League Rally, which was held October 14th at Metropolis, was the most inspiring one ever held in Southern Illinois. The afternoon session was held in the pavilion at Fort Massac. The devotionals were in charge of William Hallen, our State Executive Secretary, who conducted a model Luther League meeting. Rev. Broche, pastor of St. Matthew's Church, at Paducah, brought greetings to us.

The President of the Southern District, Christina Aiassi, called a business meeting, at which time Miss Ida Sensmeier, Jonesboro, was elected Secretary, and Edward Verbard, Metropolis, as Treasurer. At the close of the business session the delegates motored to the St. Paul's Church, where a delightful social hour was enjoyed by all.

The address for the evening session was brought by Rev. H. A. Kunkle, field missionary. He stressed in particular the responsibility which each of us as Christian young people bears to our present generation.

Plans are going forward for the next Rally which is to be held in April, at Murphysboro, Illinois.

OHIO

Plans are being laid for a Luther League week during February. It is hoped that as a result the Luther League will be put on its feet financially. It is desired, however, that this week shall be one a general reconsecration to the purposes of the Luther League.

For the seventh time Lakeside on Lake Erie, during the week of July 23-29, 1928, was the scene of the Lutheran Summer School of Missions and Church Work and also the Luther League Convention of the Ohio Synod.

Camp Lubeca, the Ohio Lutheran Boys' Camp, was in session at Marblehead, near Lakeside, the week preceding and the week during the Summer School.

Approximately 600 were privileged to combine the inspiration of the meetings with the recreational facilities of Lakeside.

What Luther Leaguer does not know such names as Dr. P. W. Koller, Dr. A. E. Bell, Dr. J. F. Krueger, Dr. C. P. Wiles, Mrs. Julius Seebach, Mrs. Bascom Copenhaver, Judge Florence Allen, Rev. Robert J. Wolf, Dr. J. Gould Wickey, and Dr. E. E. Flack?

And what Luther Leaguer can imagine Lakeside without Mr. M. W. Lutz, of Mansfield, who is always ready and delighted to do more than his share in helping the young folks to have the best time possible during their stay at Lakeside?

Chaplain Sittler, of the Lancaster Reformatory, was in charge of the music during the entire conference.

Missions were made more vital by the presence of representatives from our own Lutheran mission fields, such as Dr. Krueger, from China; the Finefrocks, from India; Miss Florence Welty, from India; Rev. and Mrs. H. E. Haas, from British Guiana, who brought very interesting messages from their respective fields.

Each morning at the lodge, Mrs. Seebach and Mrs. Copenhaver conducted mission study classes for the women. The young women were under the efficient direction of Miss Nona Diehl, the new National Young Women's Secretary.

The social activities of the week included a reception to the Summer School faculty and a Get-Acquainted Party on Monday evening; a Weiner Roast on the rocks for the Young Women's Missionary Society; the Annual Luther League Breakfast and Devotions down by the Lake; the boat ride, and the banquet.

On Wednesday afternoon and evening, the whole Summer School enjoyed a boat ride which took us to visit the islands in that part



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Past Executive Secretary

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The New Executives



Mr. Rudolph Schulz
New Executive Secretary

of the lake. The boat docked at Put-in-Bay for supper and permitted the passengers to visit Perry's Memorial Monument. On the return trip we enjoyed a sing led by Dr. A. E. Bell and Rev. James Miller, of Toledo.

The climax of the social activities came in a banquet held at Hotel Lakeside on Friday evening, at which time Judge Florence Allen, of Cleveland, was the speaker. She placed the responsibility for Christian government on the Christian home and Church. She said that the main reason for having a government is to have right done. This obligates the Christian people of the land to an active interest in matters political. When Christian men and women neglect government, they give organized vice and crime a chance. We must rule not only against low-down wrong-doers, but against spiritual wickedness in high places. Christian people have it in their power to decide how long America's day will be. What shall our answer be?

Beside the missionaries who were with us during the week we also enjoyed Miss Eiko Yonemura and Miss Marif Shinowara, a Senior at Wittenberg College. Both of these girls are preparing themselves to return, as missionaries, to their homes in Japan.

It was with a tinge of sadness that the Summer School closed this year due to the loss of two very good friends, Dr. Koller who leaves the Synod of Ohio to become the Executive Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church; and Mr. Carl Satre, our Executive Secretary of the Luther League, to study in the University of Leipsic, Germany. We wish them success in their new fields of endeavor and hope for their return at the time of some future Summer School. Although we lost two old friends, we gained one new one in the person of Mr. Rudolph Schulz, of Chicago, our new Executive Secretary of the Luther League of Ohio. We know all our Ohio Leaguers will be glad to co-operate with him as he takes up his new work.

Friday was the big Luther League Day, when addresses, talks, and conferences were especially given over to Luther League work from which we received a great deal of inspiration as well as information. During the business session the new officers were elected as follows: Mr. John Linsenmeyer, Mansfield, President; Mr. Donald Schrag, Canton, Vice-President; Mr. Eric C. Greiner, Zanesville, Treasurer; and Christie Anna Dutton, Springfield, Secretary.

The Summer School was fittingly closed on Sunday morning with a model Sunday School at 9:30, with Mr. O. C. Rohde, of Toledo, as Superintendent, and a beautifully appointed Lutheran Church service at 10:30, with Dr. E. E. Flack, of Hamma Divinity School, as the preacher. The theme of his sermon was "Is Christianity Narrow?" The choir of the First Lutheran Church of Toledo, furnished several anthems which were very much appreciated.

We all greatly enjoyed our stay and are all set for Lakeside the last week in July, 1929. Every Leaguer who attended the conference went home with a new inspiration to do great things for the Lord in his home League during the coming year.

Yours in His Service,

CHRISTIE ANNA DUTTON,

Donald Schrag, President of the Eastern District, includes the following information in a recent letter:

Our Canton-Youngstown Federation of Luther Leagues has had some mighty fine meetings in the past. On September 12, a weiner frazzle was held at Silver Park, Alliance, and was attended by about 200. The last regular bimonthly meeting was held Sunday, September 30th at the Zion Lutheran Church of New Middletown. Mr. Rudolph G. Schulz, the new State Executive Secretary, gave the address which was very inspiring. In the evening the League topic was presented by the Greenford Luther League. This meeting had an attendance of close on to 200, which is higher than the past meetings.

A Rally meeting was held Sunday, October 14th at Pleasant City for the Cambridge, Buffalo and Pleasant City Leaguers, and was attended by over 140. In the afternoon addresses were given by Rev. C. A. Hackenberg, of Cambridge, Ohio, and the District President. In the evening the Pleasant City Leaguers presented the League topic "All for Christ," with Mrs. A. R. Wheeler presiding. During the lunch hour it was decided to take steps toward forming a federation and a committee was appointed to make plans. They are Mrs. A. R. Wheeler, Miss Olive Moss, Cambridge; and Miss Ida Nicholson, Byesville.

We are planning rally meetings throughout our District and will let you know of the others later.

From the Ohio Bulletin, edited by Secretary Schulz, the following items are taken:

Southern District—The Springfield Luther League Federation held its first meeting of fall at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, September 13th. The meeting was planned as a welcome to the new State Secretary, Rudolph Schulz. Rev. Charles A. Venable, of First Church, Dayton, gave the address of the evening, speaking on the subject "Hard Boiled." He compared the much criticised youth of today with the soil on which the sun has shown too intensely. The surface is a hard, apparently unyielding crust, but underneath there is soft, pliable soil, rich in possibilities. About 150 people enjoyed the banquet served by the ladies of the church. Mr. John Warnes, President of the Southern District, presided as toast-master.

The Convention of the Southern District was held at Newport, Kentucky, October 5-6. The theme of the Convention was "The Quest Prepared." Howard Wissing, President of the Newport League (by the way, the Newport League is certainly a "live" one!), presided at the opening meeting. About 100 were present at the opening session. The subjects discussed during the two days were as follows: "Are You Prepared for Life?"; "Are You Prepared for Service?"; "Are You Prepared for Leadership?"

A banquet on Saturday evening, at which the new State Secretary gave the address, concluded the Convention. Miss Mazie Swearingen is the new District President.

Eastern District—This District is busy with group and federation meetings that promise to produce a real Luther League spirit. On September 30th the Canton-Youngstown Federation met at New Middletown. The theme of the Convention was "Evangelism," Rudolph Schulz speaking. In the evening a model Luther League meeting was held with all Leagues participating in the discussion of the topic, "Goals for Our Leagues." And in recording this Federation meeting, let's give three cheers for the Luther League orchestra

of the New Springfield League! They were a real treat to the 200 Luther Leaguers attending this meeting.

The Federation voted to contribute \$20 to the Lutheran work in Porto Rico, which was affected by the recent tornado.

Other group meetings have been arranged by Donald Schrag, the efficient President of the Eastern District, which were as follows: Pleasant City, October 14th; Dover, October 21st. Plans are also on foot for a meeting in the vicinity of Akron soon.

Central District—Roy E. Stroup is the hard working and efficient President of this District. His recent District Bulletin is one of the most attractive we have seen in a long time. Our secret ambition is to make the State Bulletin equally as attractive. This District has arranged three big Get-Together Banquets. They took place at Zanesville, October 22nd; Ashland, October 23rd; Crestline, October 24th. We will give more detailed reports of these "Get-Togethers" in our next Bulletin.

Welcome!—Two new Leagues in the Southern District: Donnellsville and Rockaway. We hope that these Leaguers will participate in the work of our State organization. Rev. J. Howard Laughner, Jr., is pastor of this charge.

St. John's, Zanesville, recently held a Get-Together Banquet, which was attended by members of the St. Paul's League of Roseville and the Holy Trinity League of Newark. The principal speaker was Rudolph Schulz, the Executive Secretary of the Luther League of Ohio, who gave an excellent and worth while address. The spirit of the occasion was fine and Roseville League was awarded the banner for the largest percentage of members present. Another meeting of a similar nature will be held in Newark shortly after the first of the year. Roy E. Stroup, President of the Central Conference Luther League, was in charge.

KANSAS

From the Kansas Ford:

Atchison

The Atchison Luther League, with Leagues of other churches of the city, held a joint meeting at one of the city parks. After a treasure hunt over the city, the Leaguers met for a weiner roast and devotional meeting.

Wichita

A hay rack ride was the most interesting and novel feature of the evening when the Wichita League was entertained at the home of Ruth and Charles Hornecker, September 3rd.

The world was in tune (even if the singers were not) and 'twas a jolly old moon which gave inspiration to those vocally inclined.

"I Do!"

On October 7th, if you were watchful, you could have seen a certain Whippet roadster speeding northward from Wichita. Hutchinson was its destination. Two of the occupants didn't even know the wind was blowing. After many turns and curves, the car finally stopped at the Lutheran Parsonage and the fatal words were said. Gladys Fralick, the bride, was a little nervous—likewise Kenneth Vuille, the groom—but then, 'twas ever so.

To Mr. and Mrs. Vuille, the State League sends wishes of joy and prosperity, happiness and peace.

THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION of the CONNECTICUT STATE LUTHER LEAGUE BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT October 13-14, 1928

The Twenty-third Annual Convention of the Connecticut State Luther League opened its first session Saturday, October 13th, at 3 P. M., with devotions conducted by Rev. Conrad C. Reisch, the Convention Chaplain.

Rev. William O. Bruckner, pastor of the First English Lutheran Church, welcomed the Convention assembly to Bridgeport, and was happy to have the Convention with him, followed with response by Emil Schuelke, of Meriden, Acting President of the Connecticut State League.

William Poneleit, Chairman of the Sports Committee, then outlined the program of the athletic events, which brought this session to a close, and all adjourned to Seaside Park to carry out the program, but, due to unfavorable weather, the entire program was not carried out.

The second session opened with a banquet at Pilgrim Hall, with 226 Leaguers and visitors present, Rev. Conrad C. Reisch acting as Toastmaster. The speakers taking part at this banquet were Rev. Weng, former pastor of the First English Lutheran Church of Bridgeport, now of Philadelphia, Pa., using "The Four-square Life" as his topic; and Miss Ethel Tussing, Regional Secretary of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, speaking on "Our Quest," stating that our quest is to enlarge the membership of Luther Leagues and to bring more of these Leagues into existence, to acquire knowledge of ourselves, our abilities and temptations, to serve God and our fellows, and to seek the communion of the Lord through prayer.

The third session opened at 10:45 Sunday morning at the First English Lutheran Church with a communion service. The keynote address was delivered by Rev. William O. Bruckner, using the Convention theme, "Crusade with Christ."

The fourth session, or business session, opened at 3 P. M. at Pilgrim Hall with prayer by the Convention Chaplain, Rev. Conrad C. Reisch, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. The roll call of the Convention was called and Alvin Schaediger, President of the New Jersey Luther League, and Joseph C. Dittmer, of Brooklyn, New York, brought greetings from their respective States also present were five other officers of the New Jersey State League. Louis Krecha, Missionary Secretary; John Weitman, Extension Secretary; Theodore Grottko, Educational Secretary; Ella Rank, Recording Secretary; and Ruth Weisenborn, Intermediate Secretary.

Reports of the officers were then taken up, also of committees, each being acted on separately. At this time the St. Paul's Luther League was officially taken in to the State League. Rev. Behrend Mehrtens, of New Haven, addressed the assembly, and stressed the idea that a great many look upon the Church as simply a source of material gain and neglect the real practice and are blinded to the true idea of Christianity. He stated that we came to church as sinners, we owe a debt we can never repay to the One Who hangs on Calvary's Cross with outstretched arms and cries, "This have I

done for thee, what wilt thou do for Me?" He urged the assemblage to leave the hall with the high and holy consecration that "Christ would be all in all in their lives or not at all."

The Nomination Committee then presented the names of candidates for offices of the State League for the coming year, which resulted in the following: President, Rev. Conrad C. Reisch, Bridgeport; Vice-President, Erwin Lachelt, Southington; Recording Secretary, Emma B. Heske, Bridgeport; Corresponding Secretary, Elizabeth Stelzner, Norwich; Treasurer, William Schleicher, New Haven; and Elizabeth Thumm, Norwich, as Archivist.

The chairman of the business meeting, Emil Schuelke, of Meriden, presented reports and supervised the discussion of new business. This session then closed with prayer by Rev. Reisch.

A supper was served at the First English Lutheran Church at 6:00 P. M., under the supervision of the Ladies' Aid Society of the church.

The closing session of the Convention was held at 7:00 P. M., with Rev. George Hackenschuh, of Southington, officiating at the devotions. The address was delivered by Rev. George Seltzer, of Hartford, who stated that there is a notable lack of purpose in the world. People are forgetting that everything should have a point, a definite aim. A classical example of a life without a point is Topsy—she just grew. We want the Luther League to grow, but to grow to some purpose, namely that God may be all in all.

At this time the newly-elected officers were then installed by Rev. George Hackenschuh, the Candlelight Service being used in connection with the installation. At the end of the Candlelight Service, the banner which is awarded each year to the League having the highest average for attendance, etc., was presented to the St. Paul's Luther League, of Hartford.

The Convention was brought to a close with prayer by Rev. George Hackenschuh.

NEBRASKA

The dedication of Creston's new enlarged church basement was held in conjunction with their regular League meeting October 11th. Rev. Rautenstrauss conducted the devotional service and Rev. Heidenrich, of Leigh, gave the dedicatory sermon.

Salem Luther League, Dakota City, has applied for membership in the Luther League of Nebraska. We hope to announce their membership in next month's Review.

Every League in Nebraska is to be visited on two Sundays some time after the first of the year by one of our Executive Committee, according to announcements received from headquarters.

The new stationery for the executive force is almost ready for distribution.

At a recent business meeting Creston League acted upon the following things: The Play Committee announced that plans for the first rehearsal for a play to be given soon were near completion; a note of sympathy was extended to Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Traver for their recent bereavement; \$20 was received as a free-will offering to be applied to the basement fund; and reports were given by the delegates to the State Convention, Rev. Rautenstrauss and Thelma Wenk.

Rev. L. M. Kuhns, D.D., 458 Saunders-Kennedy Building, Omaha, is our Sustaining Member for the month of October.

Only you can give such a gift! Become a Sustaining Member. Give one to your parents to preserve their memory of you—there's no finer way. Why not send in your contribution now?

A very pretty young lady has been coming to Hastings League lately and her intentions are to join next month. It is expected that there will be an increase in membership of the boys very soon.

A genuine Halloween Party was held at Hastings in an old abandoned house. A stove was set up to ward off the chill (whether it was on account of the weather or the night being what it was, we don't know). The traditional aspects of the event were enough to thrill the most solemn and dignified.

Members of Salem League, Fremont, ably conducted the regular evening services on Armistice Sunday. The success of this meeting shows that the League has the material for making future leaders in the Church at home and abroad.

The Luther League Hospice, Omaha, in its third annual report shows marked progress in the number of persons who were housed at this beautiful home. Don't forget, "When in Omaha, stay at the Hospice."

PAUL WREGMAN, Reporter

Luther League Rally at Hildreth

Luther Leaguers from Hastings, Hildreth and Campbell, joined in a Rally at St. Paul's Church at Hildreth, October 12th to 14th. Only four Leagues were represented, a heavy rain keeping away a number of others who were planning on coming.

The opener was a party on Friday night, at which time State President Herbert Fischer, of Omaha, produced miraculous feats of mystifying magic. A thrilling melodrama, "Twa, Twa," taken from the real life of this locality, added to the pleasures of the evening. Games galore helped make the party a perfect one.

Saturday was the chief day. 10 A. M. Devotions led by Herbert Fischer, Omaha; 10:20 Daily Bible Reading—Its Value, Rev. Scherer, Hildreth; Ways of Reading, Herbert Fischer; Intention Cards, Wilfred Klatt, Campbell; 10:50 Discussion Period, Rev. Scherer; 11:10 Recreation, Herbert Fischer; 11:30 The 1929 National Convention (to be in Omaha), Herbert Fischer; 1:10 P. M. Devotions, Rev. Scherer; 1:30 Synodical and National Luther League Goals, Herbert Fischer; 2:00 Ways of Conducting Missionary Topic Meetings, Alice Soker, Hildreth; 3:00 How to Plan and Conduct a Devotional Meeting, Herbert Fischer. Sunday, 2:30 P. M., Devotional Meeting, "Life Service in My Local Congregation," Leader, Herbert Fischer.

Those who came to this Rally went home with memories of a delightful time, fresh inspiration, and new friendships.



"Jennie

and

Ruth"

Johnsonburg, Pa.

Senior Topics Department

BIBLE READINGS

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TOPICS



January 6, 1929

Epiphany Sunday

**"FORCES THAT ARE MAKING
THE WORLD BETTER"**

Matthew 13:1-9

To Leaders: Usually at the end of the year there are many articles in magazines and newspapers that give a resume of the year's progress. It would be well to gather together the main achievements noted. You can easily show what in the minds of our editors constitute progress. Then you will be in a position to go behind these achievements to discover the motives that prompted them. Was it for love of fame or of fortune that was the motive? Or was it a love of man that found its inspiration in a love of Christ? Then you may study the achievements listed with the purpose of discovering just how they really have made a better world. Perhaps when you are through with this study you will be ready

to show that the Church in redeeming the lives of countless individuals has made the biggest contribution of all to progress. Questions for discussion: 1. Assign to three speakers: What were the outstanding events in 1928 that make the world better? Why? 2. Is the Kingdom of God a reign or a realm? 3. Why are spiritual forces more potent than material forces? 4. In addition to the love of God what spiritual forces are working for a better world? 5. What are missions doing toward making a better world? Debate: Resolved, That the world is better in 1928 than in 1918.

Topic Digest

Dan Crawford, late missionary to Africa, once quoted an African proverb with more than local application: "To be better off is not always to be better." In these days of prosperity, when good will seems to be growing throughout the world there is danger lest we become confused with regard to the aims and sources of progress. What is a "better world"?

A Better World

What forces make a better world? Not better methods of production and distribution of the necessities and luxuries of life, not better transportation, not better communication, not more universal education and higher standards of culture, not the elimination of drudgery, not the substitution of machines for human hands and backs, not diplomatic provisions for the conquest

of poverty, pestilence and war, not a great many things that we usually associate with the thought of a better world. All these characteristic of the age in which we live may be signs of a better world, but we have no assurance that this is so. They add power to human life but they do not produce character. The radio, the airship, and all the rest of the refinements of this machine age may be directed to the destruction of character rather than to the building of character. The world is better off if the directing human controls are in the hands of better men and women.

Forces Within

In the parable of our scripture lesson, Jesus uses the seed as the example of the forces that make character. It is the inner life of the seed, not the skill that grows. True, the ground must be prepared to receive it and better outward circumstances such as our present age offers, should be better for the seed. But growth depends finally upon the life, not on the soil. Hard soil may allow the seed to die but good soil will not make a dead seed grow.

Better Men

The forces that make a better world are the men who lead its destinies. Not richer men, not more comfortable men, not more satisfied men, but men who are growing daily better. Put all these powers of twentieth century civilization in their hands and you will have a better world.

Making Better Men

Man cannot make better men. God can. Man can make richer, wiser men, only God can make better men. Here lies the reason for the Church of Christ. Here is the call for our more ready consecration to the service of the Church. If we want to make a better world, we cannot find a place where our lives will count so much as in the Church. This is what McKinley meant when he expressed surprise that a minister of Christ should ask for appointment to a diplomatic post in the Department of State. The most potent factors in the progress of the world are spiritual forces. Do we believe this?

Love Leads

Among the forces that make men better, the love of Christ stands first. Indeed, it is fundamental. The love of Christ, aroused in our hearts by the cross and the forgiveness it purchased for us, is a motive that will lead to consecration to every task involved in the creation of a better world. It will lead the scientist to seek ways to make life easier and happier for the most possible of the world's inhabitants. It will lead the diplomat to seek ways to prevent war and encourage international co-operation. These and like tasks are a part of the preparation of the ground for the seed.

But most of all the love of Christ will lead to consecration to the fundamental task of witnessing for Christ the world over. By life and lip it will drive Christian people to the proclamation of a clear and certain message of forgiveness of sins and life everlasting.

Clippings

(To be assigned at the Leader's discretion)

Dan Crawford in "Thinking Black," gives a conversation between Mushidi, a Christian, and some black friends who had just punished a thief by cutting a hand.

"We cut off the hand, said they, because the hand steals. I, laughed Mushidi, would stab them in the heart because the hand never stole anything yet. It is the heart who is the thief. * * * The real eyes are in the heart and death is the only true blindness. * * * I dreamed a dream and lo! I saw that the human heart and the human face had a quarrel. Objected the heart to the face, Why did you not groan just now? Why did you laugh? Retorted the face, The cheeks do only what the heart commandeth. Yea, further, I dreamed a dream and lo! I, Mushidi, heard a loud racking cough. Said the heart to the cough, Why do you rack me with your cruel coughing? Said the cough to the heart, How could I be bad coming up from such a good heart?" This native has caught the significance of the verse, "Out of the heart are the issues of life." It is the inner life that decides the destiny of the outer life.

Shailer Mathews wrote in his "The Social Teaching of Jesus," "And Jesus saw aright. A perfect society cannot be created from imperfect people. That which stands in the way of the realization of many a man's ideal for society has not been its own logical inconsistency, but its failure to find or to produce the right sort of men upon which to work. The plan of the house called for marble and the only material at hand was mud. Jesus proposes to furnish good material as well as a noble plan."

CONQUERING LOVE

O earth, what unsolved mystery

You hide beneath your tinsel'd gild?

How is it you withhold the key

To queries that are never stilled?

Great wars are waged, great men are slain,

Removed e'er half their course is run;

And conflicts grim, through love of gain,

Line class 'gainst class, their work undone.

By chance of birth one mother's son

May rise to all the heights of fame;

Another youth, unloved, reviled,

Must live above a spotted name.

O earth, what cure can you devise

To remedy the ills of state,

Where men may rule through fraud and lies,

And those who'd serve "must stand and wait"?

So back to Christ for help we turn:

"Fill hearts with love to God and man";

His answer comes, "Love's lesson learn";

Earth's sages know no better plan

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Robert E. Speer says in his "The Principles of Jesus": "Often, indeed, Jesus refused to be entangled in the questions that constituted the social and political problem of His day. His method was different. To represent Him as a social reformer is erroneous. His gospel has wrought enormous social changes, but they have been gradual, as Schmidt and Lecky have pointed out, and often rather the indirect than the direct results of Christianity." "I cannot help but feel," says R. J. Campbell, "That the tendency to preach Christianity as a social gospel only is not justified by the practice of our Lord and His apostles." He preached a gospel of personal religion, and the social consequences, while inevitable and important, have yet been

only consequences, not the substance of the message." "Who makes me a judge or a divider over you?" asked Jesus, referring to this very matter of social duty and relationship.

January 13, 1929

First Sunday after Epiphany

"LOVING AS JESUS LOVED"

Matthew 9:1-8

To Leaders: "Life Service," by the General Secretary, has a chapter that might be helpful in preparing for this meeting—Chapter VII—page 85. Assign the Bible passages before the meeting and have them on cards or slips of paper to hand out. Then instruct your Bible readers to be ready with the passage when you call for it. Discussion Questions: 1. Is the Golden Rule a sufficient guide for the Christian? 2. Can you love everybody? 3. What does it mean to love your enemies? 4. Can love be used in the treatment of the sick? How? 5. Can love be used in the treatment of criminals? How? 6. Is there any value in serving others without loving them? 7. What is wrong with the usual modern use of the word love? 8. What has religion to do with love in the home? Debate: Resolved, That human relations are more Christ-like today than twenty years ago.

Topic Digest

In the story of the palsied man we have a typical instance of the loving way in which Jesus met human misery. So much passes for love which is but a poor caricature that it is time we went back to Jesus to study perfect love. If we start where Jesus began His loving we will learn the secret of all love worthy of the name. Read John 15:10, John 3:35, John 14:31, John 17:24. The love of Jesus began in the love of God. Love in the home, love in the neighborhood, love in the world, must find its foundation on religion. True love is never the cause of crime, never the synonym for passion. It is of God.

The Love Pattern

As God loved Jesus, so Jesus loves us. Read John 15:9. His love for us is to be the pattern for our love to others. Read John 13:33-35. The love of Jesus for mankind was universal, unto death, based on an understanding heart and founded in religion.

Universal Love

The Jews did not love the Gentiles, nor did they dream of loving their enemies. One reason why Jesus was in constant disfavor with the Jews was His treatment of the Samaritans, a race even more despised than pure-blooded Gentiles. Read the effect of an illustration praising another race in one of His earliest sermons. Luke 4:25-29. Look at the place He gave a Samaritan in one of His most famous parables. (Read Luke 10:33). Let us recite the Little Gospel together John 3:16. He loved the world!

How hard it is to think of Jesus as belonging in the flesh to another race than ours. He was a Jew. He was an Oriental, not a Westerner. No, He rightly belongs to all the world and our love should be as sweeping as His. We, too, as Christians, must love all races. We must not stop this side of our enemies, either. The love of Jesus is universal. It has no limits but human need.

"Unto Death"

Jesus' love is as intensive as it is extensive. Read John 15: 12, 13. Jesus loves us "unto death." That is to say, His love is perfectly unselfish. Self-forgetful love is "unto death." Read Romans 5:6-8. Paul has caught the intensity of Jesus' love for us. It does not

cautiously take stock of the necessary sacrifices but it is ready to go the full limit. Paul has also caught the universality of Jesus' love in the same verses as he shows Him ready to die for sinners.

Every Christian martyr partakes of the Spirit of Christ. Every humble follower who is giving his best for another, forgetting all personal ambitions, is practicing a death-daring love.

The Son of God goes forth to war,
A kingly crown to gain
His blood-red banner streams afar;
Who follows in His train?

Who best can drink His cup of woe,
Triumphant over pain,
Who patient bears His cross below,
Who follows in His train?

How does our love compare with His? How many real sacrifices have we ever made for love? The Christ-likeness of our love is measured by our unselfishness.

An Understanding Heart

Jesus saw more than we when He looked at people. He had a sort of second sight that is a necessary quality of true love. He saw men for what they might become, rather than for what they were. Next week's topic will take up this thought more in detail as we study how to see good in men everywhere.

Here is a palsied man brought to Jesus. What did the Jewish leaders see? A man who was receiving the just rewards of a life of sin. Just another sick man who would be better off dead than half alive. What did Jesus see? A poor erring man, his heart penitent, his body in pain, his ambitions thwarted, his courage gone. He saw him strong again in body, ready to take up life again where he had laid it down. He saw him making good where he had failed before, disciplined by his adversity for a clean, happy life. So He forgave his sins and brought peace to his heart. Then he cured his body and took away the fearful handicap that had barred him from participation in the affairs of life. When we love as Jesus loved we will be able to see in every person something worth saving. Then we will not rest until we have not seen them saved.

Founded in Religion

As we have already pointed out, Christ-like love is of God. Vent says that "Christian love is unique in that it is grounded in religion."

Read I John 4:11. The Inner Mission Board uses the motto "For Jesus' Sake." It is a most powerful motive, this love of Jesus. St. Bernard lists the love motives as follows, the highest, last: First, "Love people for their own sakes." We can easily think of many people that we simply could not love for their own sakes. Second, "Love God for man's sake," again a difficult task. Third, "Love God for God's sake." This is easier to do. All we have to do is to think of God's goodness to us in Christ. Fourth, "Love man for God's sake," and this is the only possible way we ever could love some people.

A Test for Us

Will our love stand this test? Read again John 13:33-35. We cannot attain the perfect love of Jesus, but we can strive to make each day more Christ-like. Will we?

Clippings

(To be assigned at the Leader's discretion)

"O tender Shepherd, climbing rugged mountains
And crossing waters deep—
How wouldst Thou be willing to go homeless
To find a straying sheep?
I count no time, the Shepherd gently answered,
As thou dost count and bind
The weeks in months, the months in years—
My counting is just—until I find
And that would be the limit of my journey—
I'd cross the waters deep,
And climb the hillsides with unfailing patience
Until I find my sheep."

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Bertha Conde writes in "The Human Element in the Making of a Christian," "The Christian principle of voluntary sacrifice for others because of the example and expectation of our Lord should control a larger part of our conduct than it usually does. 'Hereby know we love, because he laid down his life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren' (I John 3:16). It is good for us to practice the habit of self-discipline and self-restraint in matters of conduct in order that we may not become flabby in our moral muscle. The best cure for self-indulgence is voluntary sacrifice for Christ's sake. We need to conserve our vigor for large tasks and practice self-control in our conduct. There is ample motive for this so long as we live among people who are limited when we are free, who are in need when we have plenty. It is our privilege to make some real sacrifice that costs, for the sake of others. This ought often to decide matters of conduct about which we may be in doubt. Even if it be right to follow a given course, it may be best to forego it for the toning up of our moral fibre."

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From "Life Service," by Secretary Traver, the following paragraph challenges us to the understanding heart. "Jesus is walking along the Jericho road. A blind beggar sits by the roadside with his wooden bowl before him. His voice is high and piercing as he shouts for alms. Down the road comes the Master, talking as He walks. Wonderful words of love fall from His lips. "Never man so spake." What wonder that His disciples hang on every word. The harsh, insistent voice of the beggar breaks in on the discourse. It is all the louder now, for he has heard that the great Healer is passing along the road. Strange tales of His power over blinded eyes have filtered through to him from the daily passing crowds. Now he fairly shrieks his calls for mercy. The Master stops. The disciples are disgusted. They look at the beggar and all they see is a bundle of rags, dirty and ugly. They see a beggar and nothing more. So they try to stop his mouth. He cries the louder, "Thou son of David, have mercy on me." Jesus looks. Back of the dirt and rags, He sees a man, a discouraged, disappointed man. He sees those boyish dreams and ambitions for a man's place in the world shattered by blindness. He sees the bitter struggle with a life that in His day condemned the blind to beg or die. He sees the inner crash of a faith in kind Providence, and reads the sins that despair has written on his heart. The man that Jesus sees is the man that Jesus helps. Sight restored, heart cleansed, He sends him on his way to take his place once more in the life of his home town. Oh,

to see with the eyes of Jesus is to see men; not as they are, but as they may be if He rules their lives."

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Another quotation from "Life Service" offers the supreme motive for service. "There was that grand old servant of Jesus who served so many years among the poor of a great city. One day he dropped into his chair heavily, and one of his younger helpers said, 'Tired today?' 'Yes, tired,' he answered, 'but happy.' Then followed his story. He had not been feeling just right the day before, and on his rounds he came into a home too filthy and dirty for words. The conditions fairly made him sick. He slept on the case that night, and in the morning stopped at the grocer's for a basket of eatables to help meet their immediate necessities. He was still not up to normal and the basket was heavy. He found himself at the bottom of the stairs, but it seemed impossible to go up those long flights of stairs into that awful room. He stood a while till courage came, and step by step he made his way to the floor where they lived. He went forward and placed his hand on the broken piece of doorknob. There he stood. A strange and subtle sort of paralysis had seized his arm. He couldn't go in. After all these years was he to turn traitor? There came flooding through him the memory of a great promise. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." "Unto me, ah," said he, "Jesus is on the other side of that door;" and pushing in he went through with his task till the place was clean, and the mother and children fed and all had heard the story of a Saviour.

"Are there shut doors in the path of your life service? Does it seem sometimes that man's ingratitude his ugly singleness, makes our service impossible? If you only had the eyes of Jesus to see. But you haven't. There is one thing you do have and that is the supreme motive for service, the love of Jesus. No city walls can stand against the assaults of a crusade that inscribes "For Jesus' Sake" on its banners. Service of man for man's sake is fine, but fails dismally in the presence of some men. Then fall back on the love of Jesus and power will come to carry on."

January 20, 1929

Second Sunday after Epiphany

"SEEING GOOD IN MEN EVERYWHERE"

Matthew 15:21-28

To Leaders: This topic should arouse real discussion. If you can get its message across you will have done a real, worth while bit for the happiness of your League, your Church, and indeed, the whole community. Discussion Questions: 1. Tell the story of the blind man (Luke 18:35-42). What did Jesus' disciples see in him? What did Jesus see in him? 2. Tell the story of the calling of Zacchaeus (Luke 18:1-10). What would others see in Zacchaeus? What did Jesus see in him? 3. Tell the story of the blessing of the children (Luke 18:15-17). What did the disciples see in the children? What did Jesus see in them? 4. What good do you see in the Chinese? 5. What good do you see in the Japanese? 6. What good do you see in the people of India? 7. What are the dangers of a hopeful attitude toward others? 8. Should we pretend to see good in people when we really do not see it?

Topic Digest

Goethe said: "There is something in every man which if you knew you would hate." It would be a sad world if we should spend our time trying to find the hateful in others. There are many folks who are busy at that in every community. The Christian reverses Goethe's proposition by saying, "There is something good in every man which if you knew you would love." If one wants to make life a glorious adventure he need only to set out on the quest for the likeable, lovable

qualities in others. 'It is the secret of many a happy life lived among ordinary people.

Healing Sight

This attitude toward others is not only the way to our own happiness but it also has a wonderful effect on them. People usually try to live up to the best you think of them. Someone's faith has been the making of many a man who otherwise would have been a failure. The human family was created in the image of God. That God-likeness is badly barred in most of us and so hidden by the scars of sin that one could easily believe it was no longer there. It is terribly hard to see the good in some people, but we may know it is there. It is our task to see it and then to help our sinful friend realize it in his own life.

Christ Sight

Jesus Christ saw people with a loving anxiety to discover the good. In the lesson tonight we have the story of the Gentile woman. With love He tested her for the faith that was worth finding. His treatment seems almost harsh, but it was necessary in order to help her know her own faith. His disciples would have said, "Why bother with her at all? She is not of our race. She is a dog of a Gentile." But Jesus saw a soul worth saving, one worth refining. We must see with Jesus' sight before we, too, can see the unseen in men, can prize them not for what they are but for what they may become.

The Twelve

What did Jesus see in these very ordinary men He chose to be His closest companions, and on whom He was to depend for the permanence of His work? A taxgatherer! What could there be good in a man who for money would sell himself to the service of Rome? Grafters, most of his profession! They collected taxes on a percentage basis. The rule was to get as much as possible and give as little as possible to the government. Yet Jesus called Matthew to one of the greatest tasks of apostolic days. Everybody else looked at Matthew and saw a greedy tax-gatherer. Jesus looked at Him and saw His historian. Renan calls Matthew "the author of the most important book ever written."

James and John, brothers who because of their tempers were called Sons of Thunder, what would Jesus see in them? With Peter and Andrew, their hands and clothes would smell of fish. Galileans, they were, country folks, "rubes" to the citified Judeans. Yet Jesus saw in them possibilities that would make their names immortal in human history.

For three years Jesus lived with them. We must not neglect that most important fact. Who can measure the power of His daily walks and talks with His apostles? He helped them to bring out the good and conquer the evil. It could not be done over night. It was a long, hard battle to win a man like Peter with his undisciplined emotions. On the night before Calvary, the world saw a cowardly denial. But Jesus saw a fearless apostle, not many days hence, preaching the gospel on the street corners of Jerusalem to crowds that gnashed their teeth at him. We can help others realize the best that is in them by our faith in them. But, most of all, we can help them by leading them to Christ. Let Him look upon them and they will be ready to try to live up to His faith in them.

Races, Too

The attitude of hopefulness between men is also a powerful attitude for a race or a class to have toward another. Robinson in "Mind in the Making," said: "If some magical transformation could be produced in man's ways of looking at themselves and their fellows, no inconsiderable part of the evils which now afflict society would vanish away or remedy themselves automatically. There would, for instance, be no likelihood of another great war: the whole problem of labor and capital would be transformed; national arrogance, race animosity, political corruption, and unefficiency would all be reduced below the danger point." That "magical transformation" is simply the passion for seeing the best rather than the worst. Because the people of India or China or Japan are different, we conclude they are inferior. Then we look for proofs of their inferiority. Of course, we will find what we are seeking. We miss all the values of their ancient cultures, we miss the meanings, often beautiful, of their customs, we miss the truths in their philosophies, indeed, we miss all the good in them now, and their possibilities as Christian nations in the coming years.

A Good Habit

Will we try to cultivate the habit of expecting the best from others? Will we begin on the family at home, on the teachers at school, on the people for whom we work? If we will make this an attitude for life, God only knows how much good we may do to those we trust. Isn't it worth trying?

Clippings

(To be assigned at the Leader's discretion)

John F. Cowan in his "New Youth Evangelism," says: "Abraham Lincoln possessed to an unusual degree this pliant, outreaching facility for seeing the point of view of his neighbors, his juries, his political opponents. That was what made him so patient with them, and with Secretaries Chase and Stanton, and those who maligned him. That was what made him so successful with juries, and on the political stump. He could enter into others' difficulties and make them his own. Thus he won their confidence and co-operation.

"Christian workers must acquire this quality, this 'milk of human kindness,' that makes us 'weep with those who weep, and laugh with those who laugh.' But sympathy is not something that can be taught, or copied from another. It springs from within the heart, is the outreach of the constraining love of Christ (II Corinthians 5:14). We have it most when the Spirit of Christ has been born in us, giving us His mind."

Another quotation from Cowan is interesting: "A college professor was speaking in the Bowery Mission, to an assembly of men and women off the streets, castaways, criminals, inebriates, dope fiends.

"A highbrow friend sat where he could see his face as he spoke. He wondered what could make his cultured, delicately-reared friend, after looking earnestly at one of the battered faces, smile in a surprised way as if pleased to recognize an acquaintance. Again and again he saw him do this. He studied those degraded faces and could see nothing to account for it.

"At the close he asked curiously, 'What made you start and smile while you spoke? I thought at first maybe you had recognized an acquaintance who had

slipped into this miserable place, but I saw only these down-and-outs.'

"Not acquaintances," replied the professor, 'but brothers—long-lost brothers. Underneath those scars of dissipation and sin I could see, as they responded to the truths I was telling them, some faint remnants of the divine lineaments.'

"He saw that through his compassion for them. With this fine, tender, yearning sympathy for those who need to be brought to Christ, there comes the second underlying requisite of successful personal work—tact. 'Tact' is just another word for touch, and in this connection it means the delicate touch of love. There is no touch so like the brush of an angel's wing, so discerning, as the touch of human finger-tips, or the sensitive palm."

January 27, 1929

HOW CAN WE SERVE THE WORLD THROUGH THE CHURCH?

Acts 13:1-32

Leader's Introduction: In her book, "When You Enlist," written especially to young people, Margaret Slattery says, "I think you have a right to be proud of what the Church has tried to do to make life easier for men; of the schools which have followed wherever the Church has gone; of its hospitals, free to those too poor to pay; of the long list of its work for the welfare of the fatherless, motherless children, the blind, the deaf, the lame, the old; of the laws protecting the ignorant and the poor for which it has fought and is fighting; of the challenges to unselfish living and high ideals which have come from its pulpits; of the determination with which it keeps to its task, the hardest task that man has ever set for himself—that of making proud, self-satisfied men and women whose gods are greed and gold, think of others and give their full share of service to the world; of the fact that no matter how dark the world's history, it has always had in its ranks those loyal to Jesus Christ and the God Whom He declared to be the loving Father of all mankind."

"The mission of the Church is the Christianizing of the lives of men." Jesus centered His teaching on the Kingdom of God, where love is the dominating motive and service its ideal expression. "Christ came not to take men out of the world of human relations, but to inspire ordinary human life with His spirit."

The Luther League programs for January have had as their general theme "Youth and World Friendship." The fact that young people's organizations of all denominations have been studying the same subjects is proof of the friendship of the young people of America. In one of our pageants, Friendship enters and says:

"Far down the winding pathway of the years
Through countless ages and by devious ways
Have I been traveling to seek my goal;
Men call me Friendship,
And in the hearts of tens of thousands have I found a home—
Wherever man has loved his fellow man
My name is known and I am welcome there.
Yet for the thousands who have known me well
Are tens of millions more who know me not,
And ere my quest is ended,
I must have a home in every heart to enter there.
And now, I dare with prophet's vision to predict the day
When there shall be no spot on all the earth, however remote,
Where Friendship's spirit is not felt."

Leader: We come back to our subject, "How Can We Serve the World Through Our Church?" How can we as individuals, how can our Luther League—our local League, our State League, and the Luther League of America serve the world through our Church?

Our Missionary Objective and World Friendship

Just a year ago there was presented in our Leagues a program which looked forward to the extension of our world friendship to the young people of South America. The bronze tablet which will be placed on Luther League Hall in Buenos Aires will stand always as a sign of the friendship of the young people of the Lutheran Church of America. There has come to us a great joy—the joy of knowing that our hands have clasped the hands of all the Luther Leaguers of America and that the cord of Friendship has bound us together under the same banner, with the same fixed purpose. Under the banner of the cross and under the banner of many States there has been formed a procession which has led us into South America and has encircled in our cord

of friendship the young people of our mission in Buenos Aires and the young people of all of South America. At the Salisbury Convention, Luther League Hall in which "shall be housed the theological department, the Sunday School and some departments of the daily Bible School," was adopted as our second missionary objective. In the beautiful city of Buenos Aires, a Lutheran mission had been established and it was already a center for expansion into outlying districts.

The Choice of Buenos Aires, a Wise Choice

(Ask here for five reasons why the choice was a wise one; or ask, in advance of the meeting, five members to give one reason each. Have read part of Dr. Fry's article in October Luther League Review, page nine.)

Leader: It has been said that we should have left South America for the Roman Catholic people and turned our attention to countries which are altogether heathen. In answer to this let us consider

Dr. Robert Speer's Eight Reasons for Mission Work in South America

1. "The moral condition of South America warrants and demands the presence of the force of evangelical religion."
2. "The Protestant missionary enterprise with its stimulus to education is required by the intellectual needs of South America."
3. "Protestant missions are justified in order to give the Bible to South America."
4. "Protestant missions are justified by the character of the Roman Catholic priesthood."
5. "The Roman Church has not given the people Christianity. It offers them a dead man, not a living Saviour."
6. "The Catholic Church has steadily lost ground; the priests are reviled and derided; religion is abandoned by men to priests and women."
7. "Protestant missions may inspire and compel self-cleansing of the South American Catholic Church."
8. "Only the Protestant religion, free from superstition, reformed, scriptural, apostolic, can meet the needs of South America."

Buenos Aires—The Fourth Largest City in the Americas

"Buenos Aires, the capital of the Argentine Republic, is the fourth largest city in the Americas—a southern Chicago without smoke, with buildings of French architecture, and gardens purely Spanish. But though there is beauty a-plenty, Buenos Aires, after all, is less a place of gardens than of docks and wharfs, of warehouses and heavy trucks, of subways and great newspapers, of freighters from almost any port, and heavy trains with cattle, sheep, wheat, corn, and flax, bearing the wealth of the Republic. Buenos Aires—as the English-speaking inhabitants call it—is one of the world's busiest cities. From its docks more than three times as much goods per capita is exported every year than from the United States. Buenos Aires is a very popular city. Everybody in Argentina wants to live in the capital city, and a good many do."

Report from Our Board of Foreign Missions Argentina

"This part of the Evangelical Movement in South America has been the most rapid in its growth of any foreign work under the Board. It is now only eight years since the Board took over the struggling plant in Buenos Aires, the greatest metropolis of the South

American continent. By wisely selecting the site for the Movement in Villa del Parque, the founder and first missionary of the United Lutheran Church in America deserves great credit. He certainly, both in site chosen and in the method of work he inaugurated, laid a sure foundation for this prosperous enterprise.

"Our congregations have increased in number and membership, our schools have prospered, and our Colegio Nacional has taken a strong hold on the whole community. We have in all our schools 1,560 pupils. In our Colegio Nacional, in the lower and upper classes, in the Mehring Memorial, there are 474 boys and girls reading; and such work has great influence.

"Our staff of workers has been increased by Miss Myrtle Wilke. Two of our sub-pastors, Messrs. Soler and Villaverde, are coming at their own cost to America to study at Wittenberg College. Some of our North American friends, who have visited South America may assist in some way these young men, but no Board grant has been asked for them in their preparation.

"The Board is fully convinced that in the great city of Buenos Aires and out into the country we should push our movement and strengthen both our school and church work in every way possible. Some congregation in North America should undertake to support Rev. Hugo Froese, whose willingness to join our staff and

whose experience in work in Argentine and command of Spanish, would make him a most helpful asset to our working force. Only our shortage in funds prevents the Board from calling him at once to serve in our mission. Who will respond to this loud call?

"The growth in church membership and congregational life has been healthy. Three young men are preparing for the Christian ministry. The Sunday Schools connected with all the schools are well attended, with an enrollment in the confirmation class of 40, and in the Sunday Schools of 536. There is an increase in communicants of 72, and in baptized members of 169. A total communicant membership of 440 is reported, of whom 162 are men and 278 are women.

"A Luther League of 190 members, a Girls' Society of 93, a Women's Society of 40, and a Children's Club of 31, show that the churches are well organized for all members and all classes of work."

Leader: Luther League Hall, the Religious Education Building, will give the youth of Argentina an opportunity to find out of chaos and conflict the Way, the Truth, and the Life. For Luther League Hall, we have pledged our support, thus clasping in Faith and Friendship the hands of the youth of South America, sharing with them the most precious of our possessions, the knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus.

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT

Said Abraham Kuyper: "Until the birth in Bethlehem God spoke to man in human words, but in Christ God appears in human nature. A human heart here speaks in human language and human motions."

A LETTER TO DAD

I am writing this to you though you have been dead these thirty years.

I feel that I must say some things to you, things I didn't know when I was a boy in your home, and things I was too stupid to say.

It is only now, after passing through the long, hard school of years, only now, when my own hair is gray, that I understand how you felt.

I must have been a bitter trial to you. I believed my own petty wisdom, and I know how ridiculous it was, compared to that calm, ripe, wholesome wisdom of yours.

Most of all, I want to confess my worst sin against you. It was the feeling I had that you "did not understand."

When I look back over it now, I know that you did understand. You understood me better than I did myself. Your wisdom flowed around mine like the ocean around an island.

Your indulgence and helpfulness you tried to show me, I did not then appreciate.

And how pathetic, it now comes home to me, were your efforts to get close to me, to win my own confidence, to be my pal!

I wouldn't let you. I couldn't. What was it that held me aloof? I didn't know. But it is tragic—that wall that rises between a boy and his father, and their frantic attempts to see through it and climb over.

I wish you were here now, across the table from me just for an hour, so I could tell you how there is no wall any more; I understand now, Dad, and, how I love you and wish I could go back and be your boy again.

I know how I could make you happy every day. I know how you felt.

It took a good many years for this prodigal son—and all sons are in a measure prodigal—to come to himself. I've come. I see it now. I know what a rich and priceless thing, and one least understood, is that mighty love and tenderness and craving to help which a father feels toward his boy. For I have a boy of my own.

And it is he that makes me want to go back to you, get down on my knees to you and ask you to hear me, Dad, and believe me.

—Commerce and Finance, Kindness of Mr. Edward Osse

A SUGGESTIVE AD

For the information of those wanting a suitable form of invitation to issue to all 'teen agers for purposes

of organizing an Intermediate Luther League, consider this one used up in New York State:

Intermediate Luther League

When—Tuesday, November 15, 1927, at 4:15 P. M.

Where—At Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Who—All young people between the ages of 12 and 16

Why—1. To have a young people's organization that will be worth while

2. To become more familiar with our Church

3. To know our pastor and parish worker better

4. To become familiar with Luther League work

5. To train for leadership

6. To plan interesting programs

7. To have social times together

8. To know each other better

9. To learn the value of Daily Bible Reading and Prayer

10. To advance into the Senior League at the proper time and be real, live, active, enthusiastic Luther Leaguers to the glory of God and His Kingdom

We Want You to Come! Will You be Here on Time?

KATHERINE M. BECKER,

Parish Worker,

Holy Trinity, Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Intermediate Family:

I smilingly (see me smile?) wish you (for my Southern friends I'll say, "you-all") a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May the full meaning and truth of the Christmas Birth absorb your best thought and provoke your best gift. May health, happiness, prosperity and a strong Intermediate Luther League go with you throughout the New Year.

It appears that some more Lutheran Churches are going to have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New

Year in view of the large enrollment of new Intermediate Leagues reported during the month of October 15th to November 15th. At this time and place I will introduce these merry children and their happy parents.

Reg. No.	Church	Place	Enrolled
232	First English, Fairfield, Iowa	.....	15
233	St. John's, Cumberland, Md.	.....	10
234	Children's Memorial, Kansas City, Mo.	.....	15
235	St. Peter's, Salisbury, N. C. (R. F. D.)	.....	10
236	St. Mark's, Mooresville, N. C.	.....	18
237	Haven, Salisbury, N. C.	.....	20
238	Trinity, Latrobe, Pa.	.....	25
239	Trinity, Butler, Pa.	.....	15
240	St. Timothy's, Dundalk, Md.	.....	38
241	Hope, Detroit, Mich.	.....	18
242	Poestenkill, Poestenkill, N. Y.	.....	20
243	Trinity, Landis, N. C.	.....	10
244	St. John's, Northumberland, Pa.	.....	40
245	St. Michael's, Philadelphia, Pa.	.....	23
246	St. Paul's, Spring Grove, Pa.	.....	25
247	Peace, Reading, Pa.	.....	12
248	St. Peter's, Williamsbridge, N. Y.	.....	15
* 53	Immanuel, Meriden, Conn.	.....	32
**136	St. Peter's, Baldwin, N. Y.	.....	11
*141	Muhlenberg Memorial, Philadelphia, Pa.	.....	20
*Re-registered			
**Given low number to care for a duplication			

In the words of Rip Van Winkle, "May they live long and prosper."

It appears, too, that some of the Leagues believe in expressing a Merry Christmas with their gifts. Here is how the money rolled in:

Holy Trinity, Buffalo, N. Y.	\$15.00
St. Philip's, Senoia, Ga.	 5.00
St. Luke's, Brooklyn, N. Y. (Girls' Reserve)	 5.00
Epiphany, Brooklyn, N. Y.	 3.00
Grace (Boys), Rochester, Pa.	 5.00
* St. John's, Salisbury, N. C.	 5.00
* St. Peter's, Pittston, Pa.	 5.00
* Christ, Dallastown, Pa.	 5.00

*To the Sustaining Membership Fund. The others contributed to the South America Objective. To date, the Intermediate League has contributed 24 Sustaining Memberships, and the total of \$235.90 to the South America Objective. We have no set figure on Sustaining Memberships, but we do have one on the South America Objective. It is \$500.00. Remembering that 45 Leagues have given almost one-half the total, gives us reason to believe that many other Leagues are going to say Merry Christmas with a check. Are you? Santa Claus still lives at 806 Muhlenberg Building, Philadelphia, Pa., and will welcome your gifts for South America delivery.

Lost! Strayed! Stolen! Which?

It is to be expected that some Leagues die a natural death, while others are dead because of neglect. It would be a favor thrust upon us to know of such. Maybe we can revive them. But there is another condition about which I would seek and beseech assistance. In sending literature and letters to all Intermediate Leagues, invariably some are returned marked "wrong address." Now the church hasn't moved, and probably the League is still doing business, but the Superintendent has either moved to another address in the city or gone elsewhere. In order that Leagues, with or without life, may be accordingly tabulated, will someone give me information on the following:

St. Paul's, Chicago, Ill., Superintendent, Mrs. E. Ahrens, 4855 Homer Street; Holy Trinity, Minneapolis, Minn., Miss Agnes Danielson, 2741 Chicago Ave.; St. John's, Duluth, Minn., Miss Lena Trampe, 714 Eleventh Street; Trinity, Newark, N. J., Mrs. E. Bauer, 322 South Orange Street; Prince of Peace, Philadelphia, Pa., Mrs. T. K. Finck, 641 South Fifty-seventh Street; St. Paul's, Williamsport, Pa., Miss Beech, 820 West Third Street; Luther Memorial, Madison, Wis., Miss Nora Hovried, 635 Howard Place.

News

St. Peter's, Pittston, Pa.—"We had a very successful entertainment on October 3rd, in the church basement. We used the two pageants, "Friend to Friend" and "A Fortunate Misfortune." Two hundred people attended and everyone spoke well of it."

La Grande, La Grande, Oregon. (Here's one League not in the lost column!)"—"September 2nd the League had its last out-of-doors picnic supper followed by a devotional meeting under the pines on the western slope of the hills of the Blue Mountains, where all were warmed by the last rosy rays of the setting sun. The Leaguers departed singing 'I Would Be True.' Other snappy morsels from the same League include: 'Get in regularly \$5.30 every month in payment of their stereoptican machine'; 'All the Intermediates present to help in the organization of a Junior League'; 'Most of the members have read five of the Reading Course Books'; 'Gave a Bride's Meeting—Planning for a play'; 'Selling the 1929 Church Art Calendars.' (Who's the busiest, the Leader or the Leaguers? Ask Mrs. L. H. Awes, Advisor.—Ed.).

I am still (actively) smiling and still wishing you the same old wish. May Santa be good to you all.

Sincerely,

January 6, 1929

WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS MOST

Proverbs 16:6-10; 25:21, 22

To Leaders:—The main theme for the months of January and February is "Youth and World Friendship." Under this theme eight sub-titles will be studied. As each topic is discussed its relationship to the main theme should be kept in mind. In order to furnish a setting for the four topics of January, suppose we first consider the wealth of meaning in the main theme.

Youth and World Friendship

Here in our country one finds a countless number of youth from every land under the sun. Some have come here to learn and live, others to learn and return. Each group will be benefited in proportion to the kind and degree of friendship we desire for them. Our wealth, our skill, our learning, our mode of living, nothing is so meaningful and helpful to them as is our friendship. What is your attitude to foreign boys and girls? Are you friendly to them? Are they responsive to friendliness? How far will friendship help to mould their characters and determine their conduct? One reading the papers today readily finds that much of the crime in our country is being committed by foreign-born youth. Can we possibly help them to appreciate our laws by making friends of them?

In what respect is youth the nation's greatest asset? Is there such a thing as youth being an international asset? Will not Japan and China and India and all other nations, whose sons and daughters are taught in our schools, come to a better understanding of us if we act the part of ambassadors of friendliness?

The Topic

Repeat it in unison. Some of you will say that the world needs knowledge more than it needs anything else; others that it needs trusted officials; others wealth, and still others armaments, etc. Suppose then, you list a number of things the world needs. Use a blackboard if one is available. If not, use paper. I will suggest the following needs of the world, namely: good government, money, natural resources, armies, navies, the League of Nations, friendship, mutual respect among nations, oneness, capable leadership, etc. Now let the

members suggest still other things the world is sorely in need of. Let someone defend each of the suggested needs, telling why it is mostly needed by the world. Then take a vote on which one of the things listed the world needs most.

We will now turn to the scriptures. Read Proverbs 16:6-10. It appears at the very beginning of this scripture reference that divine guidance is the most precious and indispensable thing for the world's ills. It also appears that the reason for this need lies in the fact that the world must be purged of its iniquity. Can the need of the world be met before the world itself opens the way to receive whatever it needs? Does John the Baptist in Matthew 3:1-2 suggest how that must be done? Is there any help to come to the world from God by exercising itself according to Psalm 121?

If the world, according to your vote, needs wealth or some other form of material assets, remaining evil all the while, how far will it be served? Will armaments be safe in the hands of a warfaring world? What is needed to put wealth, etc., to proper use?

Is not the world just as much in need of "mercy and truth" as is the individual? Peace and good will belong to the world just as soon as there is a sense of the fear of the Lord in the heart of nations and people.

As a Christian nation, we can do much toward hastening the day of mercy and truth by showing a friendly attitude to all other nations. We must continue to do according to Proverbs 25:21-22.

In this connection what do you know about the Boxer Rebellion in China? How did the United States demonstrate a friendly feeling toward China? Has China since been appreciative?

How is the American Red Cross breaking down the barriers of prejudice and suspicion in other lands toward the United States by its acts of mercy?

Was the good will flight of Colonel Lindbergh a contribution toward right attitudes between the United States and France?

Will President-elect Hoover's visit to South America add anything to good will between us?

In how far do such contacts with other nations reveal the truth about us and them? There is a familiar parody we sing, which goes something like this: "The more we get together the happier are we." Isn't it true that the better the world understands the purposes and will of God the happier it will be? Isn't it also true that as a Christian nation we are privileged to help the world come to a better understanding of God?

January 13, 1929 LEARNING FROM JESUS HOW TO BE A NEIGHBOR

Luke 10:25-37

To Leaders:—Today's topic is one of a series under the general theme "Youth and World Friendship." In this modern day one's friendships extend beyond his town or city. Explain how Twentieth Century inventions have brought this about. Learn from the Leaguers something about their associates who were either born in other lands or who are the first born of naturalized citizens. Have them give impressions of their characters. How do they differ in temperament and social standards from American born children? Are they worthy of your friendship?

The Topic

Before we learn from Jesus we must learn about Him. Jesus is a world Teacher, not a national Teacher. He is for all people, not for a sect or a class. He is speaking in today's lesson for everyone, irrespective of class, creed, or color. Until we get this broader idea

of Christ's mission in the world our conception of neighborliness will be determined by all manner of prejudice and hatred. John 1:11-13 tells us something about the embracing character of Jesus.

Again, before we can be neighborly in the full sense of Christ's meaning, we must find out the basis for real neighborliness. What produces neighborliness? According to our lesson it is a product of eternal life. Union with God through love makes possible union with one's fellows through love. Neighbor and love in the mind of Christ are one and the same thing. People that don't get along with their neighbors don't get along with God. Did you ever think of it in that way? Suppose you pause long enough to test out the reason for such remarks.

Now consider the parable of the Good Samaritan. What do we learn in it from Jesus about neighborliness?

1. "A certain man." Who was that man? Suppose he was a Jew, and very likely he was, why did not the priest and the Levite, who were also Jews, render him aid? Was it because the wounded man belonged to an inferior class of Jews? Does it make any difference on the basis of Christian conduct who it is that needs help?

Suppose your worst enemy was hurt in a game or suffered injury in some other manner, would you rejoice in his misfortune? Would you assist him if the occasion arose and you were in a position to do so? Did Jesus play neighbor to only His friends? What does Luke 22:50, 51 teach us?

How wide is your circle of neighbors? How wide was Christ's circle, Matthew 12:47-50?

2. Verse 31 tells us that the priest passed by on the other side, and in verse 32 we learn that the Levite took the trouble to cross over to have a look at the wounded man, but he, too, passes on without giving aid. Can we excuse these two men on the grounds that they had important business to attend to in the house of God? Is business, even in God's house, ever an excuse for neglect of doing a merciful and humane act?

Recently the liner Vestris with 350 people aboard was lost at sea. Hours before the fatal disaster, S. O. S. calls for help were sent out. Many ships responded and saved most of the crew and passengers of the sunken liner. All the rescuing vessels were bound for other ports. Why should they be delayed in their schedule?

All of us are on duty bent, so to speak, but for the same reason we must pause many times along the way to help others. Jesus teaches us that. How about your social engagements? Do they ever conflict with duty toward a sick mother or brother or sister? Isn't it a cheap thing to treat others outside the home with more consideration than we do our own loved ones?

3. "But a certain Samaritan." Now the Samaritan was despised by the class the wounded man belonged to. But he had his heart open to help him and that he did. Are we excused from not helping a person whom we know despises us? Is there great virtue in doing for those who are kindly disposed toward us? Read Matthew 5:46. What does it mean?

4. Are we doing our duty as Christians when we merely speak pious phrases and lament the unfortunate condition of others? Very likely that is what the Levite thought. He may even have excused himself on the grounds that some one else with more time on his hands and less pressing business to attend to would come

along and help. How far are we obliged to help our neighbor whom we know to be in dire distress?

5. Verses 34 to 36 indicate that neighborliness has no limitations. The good Samaritan not only cared for the immediate needs of the wounded man but provided for him until he had fully recovered.

What do you gather about Christ's neighborliness from Matthew 5:38-45 and Matthew 18:21, 22? What does Paul mean when he tells us in Romans 12:20: "Therefore, if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink; for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head." What is meant by heaping coals of fire on the head of one who has done you an unkindness?

January 20, 1929

SEEING THE GOOD IN THOSE UNLIKE OURSELVES

Romans 15:14; II Corinthians 8:1-15

To Leaders:—Guard against making the mistake of reading this topic. Better not refer to it at all if the best you can do is to read it. Discuss it. It is put up very largely in question and reference form. Discuss the questions and don't be satisfied with a half-answer. Insist upon a complete answer. Assign the references to the members in advance and call for their reading and explanation at the proper time.

The Topic

Have the title of the topic repeated several times in unison until all the members have it fixed in their minds.

Read the first lesson, Romans 15:14. Who wrote those words? To whom were they written? Does Paul mean to say that the Roman Christians are complete in goodness? Is it possible for any one to be so perfect that he lacks in nothing? Does Jesus enjoin us to strive toward perfection? Read Matthew 5:48. And is it not also a fact that no matter how good a person is he is still able to acquire more goodness from others?

Look at the last few words in the verse just read: "able also to admonish one another." Doesn't this infer the meaning that while the Roman Christians were full of goodness yet each and all of them would benefit by an exchange of advice and admonition?

Are there two persons exactly alike in every respect? Can one person safely go it alone in this life without an interchange and inter-acceptance of ideas and help from others? Is not mankind beautiful as nature is beautiful, in variety? Because of that variety in nature, isn't there a unity there not otherwise possible? What if nature consisted of just trees, or grass, or flowers, etc., without the added feature of hills and dales and mountains?

Now we are just like nature in that respect. Some of us are small, some large; some followers, others leaders; some toilers of the muscle, others of the brain, etc. Together we make up a beautiful whole in the eyes of God. Because we are different, we are inter-dependent, therefore mutually helpful.

Now let us make further study of our topic. Read the second lesson, II Corinthians 8:1-15. Before going any further, discuss what is meant by Paul's words. What had the Christians of Macedonia done that Paul speaks so praisingly of them? Were they a rich people? Did their material giving enrich them spiritually? Were the Corinthian Christians in better financial straits to do more for the poor of Jerusalem than their neighbors, the Macedonians? What would be the mutual outcome if the Corinthians were liberal toward the poor in Jerusalem, verse 14? Doesn't that give us the one reason for seeing the good in those unlike ourselves?

Practical Thoughts

1. What is first needed before we can put ourselves in the way of seeing and receiving the good in others? Is it the attitude of the Pharisee or that of the Publican in Luke 18:9-14 that we should take? Does a haughty-spirited person admit that goodness is obtainable from others? Does such a person share whatever goodness he may possess with others? Without humility is an interchange of goodness possible?

2. Suppose you possessed all the wealth or popular favor or position needed to make you independent, would you still be able to live alone and be happy? Isn't happiness possible alone from sharing with and in the goodness of those about us?

Today is your day and mine, the only day we have, the day in which we act our part. What our part may signify in the great drama of life, we may not understand. But we are here to play it, and now is the time. This we know, that it is a part of action, not of whining, a part of love, not of cynicism. It is for us to express love in terms of human happiness.—Selected.

3. Just because a person is a bit reserved does that say he doesn't possess much that is good and worth sharing in through friendly touch? While you may be a democratic sort of person, isn't it possible that you fail in some other virtue held by the person you criticize? The real person in life is he who sees past the failings and faults of others into their hearts.

4. Is there much benefit derived from so-called select groups? Isn't it better at times to go out of the way and make friends with persons you may at first dislike? Doesn't that strengthen and broaden life?

5. Since our topic is covered by the general theme "Youth and World Friendship," I want to ask a few questions that relate to it. On the day of editing this topic I had dealings with a Chinese, an Italian and a Jew. Besides transacting business with them I engaged them in friendly conversation. Each was responsive and showed appreciation for the friendly chat. I got good from them and believe they were likewise pleased. I have several Negro friends too, who will do anything for good to share with them? What have they that is good me. Now, in your youth, have you time to associate with others outside your race? Have you anything that they can share with you?

6. As Lutheran youth, have the youth of other denominations anything good to offer you? What can you give them? Are you sharing with them and are you accepting their offerings of friendship? Let us not be afraid to expose our Lutheranism to the world, and on the other hand do not be afraid of having it spoiled by association with others.

January 27, 1929

HOW OUR CHURCH HELPS MAKE A BETTER WORLD

Romans 12:1-5; 15:1-7

To Leaders:—I am serving notice on you right now that you will have to dig for the materials needed for this lesson. One big help is suggested. It is the book, "Facts of Our Faith," by Hunton. Your pastor, no doubt, has it in his library. If he doesn't have it, he can personally assist you gather the materials.

To the Leaders Again:—Do not try to leave the impression that the Lutheran Church alone makes a better world. We do help a lot. So do other denominations. On the other hand, we could be doing much more. And there are doubtless things we ought not be doing for the good of the world. Likewise, there are things other churches ought to stop doing for the good of the world. But by and large, the Church is doing the world more good than is possible to estimate.

How, then, is our Church helping to make the world better?

1. As the mother of Protestant Christian truth, it is indirectly responsible for the good other denominations are doing for the world. But in some respects other communions are excelling our Church in kind and degree of good works. Just like children though, they get ahead of their parents in activities of some sort.

2. Our Church is making its greatest contribution to the world by contending for the Bible as the rule of faith and practice. God's Word is our Church's source book. Luther taught us that, and that we will teach the world always. How necessary in these days of liberal interpretation and free thinking is this rule of our Church? Would you like to buy many yards of cloth measured by an illegal rule? How much less do we want a faith that is untruthfully and impartially presented? God's Word will ever assure the world of divine measurements.

3. We are bettering the world by attending to those things that are purely spiritual, and therefore within the sphere of our government. Moral and social questions must be championed by the Church, but purely political and non-religious matters belong to the State. In this respect our Church keeps to its own business.

We believe in the separation of the Church and the State, and we practice that belief, too.

Such a relationship is a big help to the world, too. Discontentment often arises from meddling in other people's business. We see that in Mexico, and other countries dominated by the Catholic Church. A daily news reporter who sat through the sessions of the Erie Convention commended very highly on the absolute omission of popular political questions therefrom, saying that it was evident that the Lutheran Church is concerned solely about spiritual matters which constitute its business.

4. In the maintenance of hundreds of homes for the aged, orphanages, hospices, rescue missions, etc., our Church is bettering the world by a peculiar type of serving and saving love. Distinguished from secular efforts of a similar character the Church aims to reach and save the soul, in addition to helping the unfortunate physically and socially.

5. The training of its youth in the principles of faith and Christian citizenship is a mighty contribution by the Church to the world. Without the Church's millions of consecrated and dutiful youth in the affairs of the world this would be a pitiful place in which to live.

To Leader:—Add here information from Dr. Hunton's book. The pastor can help you with a short talk.

1000 New Junior Leagues in 1929

CHRISTMAS POSTERS

Christmas Posters. Have the Juniors make Christmas posters. Send these to the Junior Secretary not later than December 24th.

An award of a book of Christmas stories will be sent to the Junior whose poster is the neatest and best.

These posters should not be large—one-fourth of a regular size sheet of cardboard is about right—about 14 inches by 11 inches. Have the word "Christmas" printed in large letters on the poster. They may tell anything about Christmas.

Who is the best poster-maker?

Watch next month for other poster contests.

Are You in Back of The Juniors in Your Church?



The Juniors of Red Lion, Pa., and Five Who are Backing Them

JUNIOR RALLIES

November 10th was "Nation Wide Junior Rally Day." On that day our Junior Luther Leaguers rallied together in all parts of the country, to show the Senior Leaguers what the children are doing.

Some groups met before November 10th, some are still rallying; the influence of these hundreds of Juniors demonstrating the part they have in our League work we cannot begin to estimate.

The Allentown (Pa.) District Juniors were the first to rally. They had an all day meeting:

10 o'clock—Junior Workers' Conference

Hymn: "Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire"
Opening Devotions, Rev. H. C. Snyder, St. John's, Nazareth
Hymn: Junior League Rally Hymn

Discussions:

"What Is a Junior Luther League?"—Henry V. Scheirer, President Allentown District

"How to Conduct a Junior Meeting"—Miriam Koder, Superintendent St. Joseph's, Allentown, Junior League

"How to Use the Junior Topics"—Rev. P. G. Beer, Grace, Allentown

"What Can We Do With the Little Leaguers?"—Mrs. H. C. Snyder, Superintendent St. John's, Nazareth

Hymn: "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"
Address, Miss Brenda L. Mehlhouse

Hymn: Luther League Rally Hymn
Closing Devotions, Rev. J. Frederick, St. Stephen's, Bethlehem

2 o'clock—Junior League Rally

Hymn: "Holy Spirit, Hear Us"

Devotions, Rev. P. H. Beer

Hymn: "I Think When I Read that Sweet Story of Old"
Remarks, Miss Hannah Stuber, Allentown District Junior Secretary

Sketches:

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"—St. Stephen's, Allentown, Junior League

"Bible Drills for Juniors"—Mt. Bethel Junior League

"Our Luther League Emblem"—St. Joseph's, Allentown, Junior Luther League

"Demonstration Junior Meeting"—St. John's, Nazareth, Junior League

Hymn: "Saviour, Blessed Saviour"

Offering

Missionary Stories, Miss Mehlhouse

Hymn: "Saviour, Teach Me Day by Day"

Closing Devotions, Rev. A. W. Lindenmuth, St. Stephen's, Allentown

Over two hundred were present, and St. John's Juniors, of Nazareth, were hosts at the social hour.

The **Erie (Pa.) District Juniors** held their rally during the Convention of the United Lutheran Church. There were about 250 at this rally, six Junior Leagues were represented and twelve Board and organization Secretaries brought greetings to the children. Last month's Review gave an account of this rally.

The **Long Island (N. Y.) District Juniors** held their rally in connection with the District Convention at Free-



Holy Trinity, Hollis, Long Island

port, Long Island. Five of the six Junior Leagues in the District were represented, with about 80 Juniors present. The attendance banner was won by St. Peter's, Baldwin. A demonstration

of a regular Junior League meeting was given by twenty-six Juniors from Trinity, Hollis, Long Island.

The next week this same group went to the Brooklyn District Convention and conducted a meeting. Miss Ida Blomquist, the leader of this lively group, is to be congratulated. Many Senior meetings we have seen were not so well conducted. At both Conventions the Juniors took entire charge, and their program was:

Hymn
Salutes to the American and Christian Flags
Prayer by a Junior
Junior Topic for the Day (Stewardship)
Hymn
Offering—Offering Hymn
Books of the Bible Recited
Missionary Alphabet Recited
Hymn
Minutes of the Last Meeting
Treasurer's Report
Junior Rally Hymn
Lord's Prayer

Juniors like this insure the future of the League—they mean good Senior Leaguers.

Hartwick (N. Y.) District Juniors rallied at noon at a covered dish luncheon, followed by a social hour, and the organization of Zion, Cobleskill, Junior League, with sixteen members.

At the Senior League Rally held the same afternoon Junior work was presented by the National Junior Secretary, and interest created for a Junior League for every Senior League.

York (Pa.) District Juniors rallied together and gave a demonstration for the Seniors in connection with the District Convention at Littlestown. A Junior topic was given, sentence prayers by the Juniors, a missionary story told, Bible Sharpshooting, and handwork exhibits were explained. Each part of the program was given by a different Junior League. An address on Junior work was given by Miss Anna Kinports, of Hershey.

Schuylkill (Pa.) District Juniors were not satisfied with one rally, but held three; one in Frackville, one in Mahanoy City, and one in Gordon. The program sent out by Luther League Headquarters was used. The rally in Mahanoy City was held with our St. Emmanuel Slovak Junior League, and the speaker was Mrs. John Kern, Junior Secretary of the District.

(Continued in the January Review)

The Monthly Chat

Dear Leaguers:

"**Merry Christmas**" to all the Leaguers, large and small! At this happy season when our thoughts center on the Christ Child, let us consecrate ourselves anew to the great privilege of working with His children, the children of our churches.

Are you planning a **Christmas Program** in the Junior League? Get the programs, "Emblems of Christmas," "Christmas with the Juniors" and "Christmas in Song and Story"—all three for ten cents from Headquarters.

Give your Juniors the joy of doing something for others at Christmas time. Take them Christmas caroling. Have a community Christmas tree at the church and let them sing around it Christmas Eve. A basket may be sent to a needy family. Toys may be gathered for children, sing Christmas carols at hospitals.

What about packing a **Christmas box** for the Orphanage? Or sending some toys to the settlement?

Have you joined the "**Good Neighbor Club**?" Sixteen Junior Leagues now belong. They have each adopted one of our institutions and are sponsoring a Junior League there. If you belong, arrange a Christmas treat for these Juniors. If you do not belong, write for particulars.

What about **Christmas cheer** for the mountain children of Virginia by sending a box of clothes and toys or a gift of money to our mountain missionary, Rev. Kenneth Killinger, Marion, Va., for his worthy work?

Help in the **Christmas project** of the Junior League—supplying Gospels and Testaments to the immigrant children among whom our Board of American Missions works. Two cents buys a Gospel, five cents a Testament. Send money and cards with the names and addresses of each Junior contributing to the Junior Secretary not later than December 15th. It will then be forwarded to the Board.

Our "**Nation Wide Junior Rally**" on November 10th was a big success. About 25 rallies were held. We cannot estimate how many Juniors participated, nor how many Seniors were reached, but we are very sure that the influence will bring great results. A few reports are given elsewhere in this issue, more will follow.

Now is the time to finish the **1928 Junior Reading Course!** Return the blanks sent out the first of the year. Send a list of all completing the course so that they may be sent certificates. Remember, the Junior League with the best record receives the Banner at Omaha!

Plan to use our **Memory Work Certificates**. The "Little Leaguers" especially like these. Black, red, white, blue and gold stars are added on these certificates as the Juniors memorize the Lord's Prayer, the Twenty-third Psalm, the Commandments, the Beatitudes and the Books of the Bible. They are 10 cents a dozen.

The **Topics for 1929** start with this month's Review. They contain many fascinating plans. An Aeroplane Trip Over the Mountains of the Bible, stories on the work of our Board of American Missions, the Board of Ministerial Pensions and Relief and the Inner Mission Board, some Hymn Meetings, Holiday Programs and Luther League Topics will not only interest the children, but teach them about the work of our Church.

Be sure to order sufficient copies of the new **Junior League Helper** (January to June) for each Junior to have his own. They sell at five cents each and contain material to be used by the Juniors themselves in the meeting.

One of the points of our Twelve Point Junior Program is **Daily Bible Reading**. You will therefore need the Daily Bible Readings—taken from the book of Acts for the first half of 1929. They are ten cents a set.

The new **Junior Program Packet** contains many interesting things. In addition to one Junior Helper and a sample set of Daily Bible Readings, it contains exercises and material for the weekly meetings. The price is forty cents.

This new material may be ordered now and you will receive the same before January 1st.

Have your Juniors finished the **Scrapbook** on the work of our United Lutheran Church? Send these in as soon as possible. We are anxious to receive these—and to see to whom the Banner for the best one will be awarded.

Did your Juniors make the “**Luther Book**” while studying the “**Martin of Mansfeld**” topics? If so, send in the best.

One usually leaves the most important thing until last. We have! **What about “1929—1,000 Junior Luther Leagues”?** The Campaign is on! What are you doing to help organize a new Junior League? Will you help the Luther League of America reach its Objective for 1929? “The Luther League way is the oversubscription way.” The Executive Committee of the Luther League meets on January 15th. How many new Junior Leagues can the Junior Secretary report at that time? What League will be the first to reach its quota? We are not asking for money—we are asking for the personal interest of every Luther Leaguer in helping to give to the children of our churches the program of the Luther League. Will you help?

Your Junior Secretary,

Brenda L. Mehlhouse

St. Paul's, Johnstown, N. Y., gave a fine Reformation program—hymn, prayer, by a Junior; “**Away in A Manger**,” sung by the “**Little Leaguers**”; 46th Psalm in concert; reading, “**Martin Luther's Favorite Verse**”; exercise, “**Reformation**”; hymn, “**A Mighty Fortress is Our God**,” and the Luther League Rally Hymn. This was given in Sunday School.

Ascension, Savannah, Georgia, are working on a Scrapbook of our United Lutheran Church. Most of these Juniors are Daily Bible Readers. They are selling Christmas greens. They will help in our Christmas project—Bibles for immigrant children.

First, Findlay, Ohio, Juniors had a Rally Meeting when they had a topic on “**The Stewardship of Money**.” A letter signed by each member was sent to the pastor who was ill in the hospital. One of their outdoor meetings this summer was on “**Birds of the Air**.” November 25th the Juniors had charge of the evening service. Each Junior brought five cents for a New Testament for the immigrant children at Christmas.

Pennsylvania vs New York. Pennsylvania has 18 new Leagues and New York 10, in their contest for 40.

It looks like Pennsylvania will get the dinner at Omaha at the expense of the New York Junior leaders! The losing State will entertain the winners. Come along, New York!

First, Findlay, Ohio, invited St. John's, Findlay, to a joint meeting. Did they have a good time? The letter received by the Superintendent tells: “**Dear Mr. Elliot:** In behalf of the Junior Luther League I am writing to thank you for the invitation to the picnic. We enjoyed the games, horseback riding, etc., very much. The thing I enjoyed most was the devotional part of the evening. We like the way your Junior League is conducted, and hope that the two Leagues will have many more meetings together. Yours truly, The Junior Luther League of St. John's Church, by Dolores Pifer, Secretary.” Try inviting another Junior League to meet with you!

The Junior Leagues of the **Camden (N. J.) District** are endeavoring to contribute ten dollars toward the Christmas fund for Bibles for the immigrant children.

Did you take out a **Sustaining Membership** during November? It is not too late to take it out now and still have it count for 1928. During the year the Juniors took out 53, contributing \$267 to the Luther League of America.

St. Paul's, Johnstown, N. Y., packed a box to be sent for Christmas to our Mountain Missionary, Rev. Kenneth Killinger, of Virginia.

(Note:—The Junior Topics for 1929 follow the general theme of our four years' work—“**Preparing for Church Membership**.” There will be twelve missionary topics, nine topics on the Board of American Missions, the Board of Ministerial Pensions and Relief and the Board of Inner Missions; seven topics on the Mountains of the Bible; six Hymn Meetings; seven Luther League topics; seven Festival Programs and three miscellaneous lessons.)

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“CAMP FIRES IN THE CONGO”

(Emily Werner)

Materials: The Leader should have the book, “**Camp Fires in the Congo**,” by Mrs. John M. Springer; price, paper 50 cents; cloth 75 cents. Light Brigade Program Packet, containing among other helps, suggestions about Lutheran work in Liberia. Lutheran Boys and Girls—pictures, stories, letters, from missionaries straight from our home and foreign fields. Subscription, single, 75 cents; in clubs of ten or more to one address, 56 cents. African Poster Patterns, by Maude E. Bradley. Six patterns and one sheet of alphabets for lettering; price, 35 cents. Liberia, Africa, Picture Sheet (Lutheran), price 10 cents.

Other Helps: Africa Picture Sheet (New). Twelve pages of interesting pictures, each with descriptive caption; price 25 cents. Picture Map of Africa—large decorated outline map with insert sheet of sketches to color, cut out and paste on map; price 50 cents. How to Make an African Village, price 25 cents. May be ordered from Literature Headquarters, Women's Missionary Society, 723 Muhlenberg Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

Program I

Aims of Course

1. To give information and arouse sympathy.
2. To deepen sense of Africa's need of the Gospel and our obligation toward the need.
3. To bring the Juniors themselves closer to Christ.

Preparation: Plan to use outline found on page 8 of book. Appoint committee to make Poster No. 1 (African Poster Patterns).

Prelude (instrumental): “**Day Is Dying in the West**”
Hymn: “**Fling Out the Banner**”

Scripture (read in unison): Psalm 96

Leader may introduce study by referring to the “**Dark Continent**,” and showing that Africa is dark because its people do not know of their Heavenly Father through Jesus Christ, His Son.

Prayer (by Leader) expressing gratitude for the Light brought by Christ and asking that this Light may be taken to all lands.

Offering: Use familiar offering prayer or hymn.

Leader may draw out by questions what Juniors know of Africa (superstitions, ignorance, witch doctors—all to be traced to lack of knowledge of a loving God.) Through simple map study facts may be drawn from class about the geography and people of Africa.

Story: As found in the introduction to the book. For this, the group may gather around a "make-believe" camp fire.

Hymn: "Day Is Dying in the West."

Handwork: Class notebook may be begun, each Junior to make some contribution during the course, such as drawing map, writing story, illustrating story, composing prayer. Poster No. 2 may be made to announce next program in this series.

For Next Time: Girls and boys may be asked to think about:

Africa and some of the things we wish to pray for as we think of its people; what we may do with our offerings. Leader may tell about the Phoebe Hospital, at Muhlenberg Mission, Liberia, Africa. Everyone may bring pictures about Africa.

Prepared under direction of the Light Brigade Department of the Women's Missionary Society

January 13, 1929

OUR BOARD OF AMERICAN MISSIONS

(Supplied by Rev. F. F. Fry, D.D., Secretary)
Acts 1:9

Outline for the Leader

1. The American Board. The Area it Covers. The United States and Alaska, Canada and Nova Scotia, Porto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Sketch a map of these countries.
2. The People it Reaches. 509 missions in this country. Those coming to us from Europe, speaking different languages, with different training, customs and home life.
3. The Work it Does. Preaching and teaching the gospel, kindergarten work, Sunday Schools, healing the sick, distributing Bibles, etc.
4. The Results It Wins. Helps to make America Christian, build up the Lutheran Church in our country, holds boys and girls true to God and brings them up in the way they ought to go.

To Be Given by the Juniors

The Board of American Missions is now just two years old. It was started January 1st, 1927.

Get out your geography and see how far it reaches. It covers Canadian America, reaching from Nova Scotia to British Columbia; the United States of America, including Alaska; and Latin America. All of it is God's country. Back of America stands God. His hand is on the helm. His Providence shapes its history. His spirit guides and sustains it.

Our aim is to win the American continent for Christ.

To do this we have 500 home missionaries. Think of 500 lives invested in mission work here in America. They are some of the brightest and best men of the Church. Go where you will, you will find them.

Do you ever go to the movies? Out in Hollywood, California, came one of our missionaries and behold the result! More than two thousand people were added to

our mission church the first year, a campaign was put on to pay a \$5,000 mortgage and a goal was set at 1,000 members by November, 1931. This is no mushroom mission, and is growing steadily and strongly.

Long Island has more home missions than any other part of our country. They grow the fastest and are able to take care of themselves the soonest. This sounds like a fairy tale, but it is true. One of our missionaries was sent to a town in Long Island, he dug a hole in the ground, he laid the cornerstone of a new church, he started a congregation and put up a fine church building all within twelve months. Isn't that wonderful?

If you live in Chicago, or should ever go there, be sure to visit our North Austin Church. It makes Aladdin's lamp look pale. Eight years ago they bought a large house. They used the downstairs for church and Sunday School and the pastor lived upstairs. Two years later it was so overcrowded that they had to build the basement of a church which seated 700 people. Two years after that the seating capacity was at such a premium that they had to finish the church building, which can take care of more than 1,100 people. Now they have a church service every Sunday morning at 8 o'clock, a Sunday School at 9:30, a church service at 11:00, another Sunday School at 2:30, and an evening service at 7:30. That mission congregation grew at the rate of 400 a year. Now they have bought more ground and expect to build an annex which will seat another thousand people. Some record, but they did it!

That congregation has started another Sunday School in the neighborhood and will turn it over to the Board of American Missions as soon as we are ready to take charge.

Up in Montana we have an Indian Reservation covering 80 acres. It was given to us by the United States Government through the National Indian Association. 550 Indians live there. You ought to see the dear little babies and the girls and boys in our Sunday School. On September 23, 1928, the first missionary pastor of the United Lutheran Church started services for the Indians and opened a Sunday School. The attendance was fine. The missionary bubbled all over with joy. He said it was one of his happiest days.

On October 1, 1928, one of our Lutheran women, who is a graduate of Wittenberg College, went to Rocky Boy Mission to help the pastor. She will teach the girls and boys on Sunday and weekdays. She will visit the sick and shut-ins. She will have charge of the box work and bead work. She spent three years among American Indians and is a great help to our work.

Paul Mitchel, an Indian boy, is going to study for the Lutheran ministry. He has finished his high school course and is ready for college. His wonderful father, Malcolm Mitchel, is giving his time also to our Indian Mission.

January 20, 1929

AN AEROPLANE TRIP OVER THE MOUNTAINS OF THE BIBLE—MT. SINAI

(Miss Laura Wade Rice)

Hymn

Prayer

Superintendent: How many of you went on our aeroplane journey last year to the Holy Land? We all

met in Charleston, South Carolina, you remember, because from there we could take a course more directly east through the Mediterranean Sea to the Holy Land. There are so many more Junior Leagues this year that our airship will have to be much larger, but we will take the same course eastward at first. Where are we going?

First Junior: This year we will visit the mountains of the Bible, and go first to Mt. Sinai.

Leader: Can we reach that by going directly east?

Second Junior: No, we have to turn to the south, toward Egypt, in northeast Africa.

Leader: Let us all take out our long distance glasses through which we can look backward and see what happened hundreds of years ago. We will not go as far as Palestine, but curve southward when almost there. What do you see?

Third Junior: I see a great river. It spreads out at its mouth like a fan.

Fourth Junior: I know—it is the Nile, where Pharaoh's daughter found Moses, and the "fan" is called the delta of the Nile.

Leader: Look through the magic glasses again and tell me what you see.

All Juniors: We see little thatched huts where God's people, the Israelites, lived. We see them building great treasure cities. We see their task masters, the Egyptians, beating them. We see Moses and Aaron going to King Pharaoh and asking him to let God's people go. We see the plagues, the frogs, lice, flies, locusts and the thick darkness and the rest. We hear the cries over the last plague, the death of the first-born.

Leader: What do you see now?

Juniors: We see the people led by Moses walking toward the Red Sea. We see the waters part at his uplifted rod and the people going across on dry ground.

Fifth Junior: I see Pharaoh's army pursuing them—now the waters come creeping back through the sand and the chariot wheels are caught and the chariots are overturned and Pharaoh's horses and armies are lost in the sea, while God's people, with the bright pillar of fire going before them, march on to safety.

Sixth Junior: I see them gathering the manna and killing the quails. I see Moses bringing water for them from the rock. Now they are coming out on a great plain—oh, see! What terrible mountains lie before them!

Superintendent (By all means have a picture of Mt. Sinai): Terrible indeed! God is a great and mighty God, and Mt. Sinai looks as if it would say to us, "Bow down and worship Him, Who formed me. He is the high and lofty One. Make your hands clean and the thoughts of your hearts holy, for you are in His presence, the presence of the God of the whole earth." The people of Israel had been slaves in a heathen land. Now they were God's free men and must learn His laws and obey Him.

Leader (Reads Exodus 19:1-13): Moses went down and told the people what the Lord had said.

Superintendent reads Chronicles 20:1-17.

Leader reads Chronicles 20:18-21.

Superintendent: Moses stayed up on the mount many days. God talked to him and gave him many other laws and rules for the people; how they were to worship Him, how they should treat each other, being just and honest, kind to each other and to strangers. God told Moses how to build the tabernacle and make the Ark of the Covenant. (Describe these). By and by

the people grew tired of waiting for Moses to come down. They turned to idols, though they had promised God that they would not.

Seventh Junior reads Exodus 32:1-8

Eighth Junior reads Exodus 32:15-24.

Ninth Junior reads Exodus 32:25-35.

Superintendent: The Israelites stayed in the plain near Mt. Sinai for about two years. There they made the wonderful tabernacle, its beautiful hangings and furnishings. There God, through Moses, taught them many things. At last the time came for them to travel onward toward Canaan.

Leader reads Numbers 9:15-23.

Superintendent reads Numbers 10:1-28.

All sing "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

January 27, 1928

"1929—ONE THOUSAND JUNIOR LUTHER LEAGUES"

A Dialogue

John: What's this I hear about one thousand Junior Luther Leagues?

Mary: Why, don't you know? That's the new Objective for the Luther League of America for 1929.

John: Objective? I thought Objective was money. Didn't we give five hundred dollars for Andhra College and five hundred dollars for South America? Wasn't that the Objective?

Mary: Yes, but an Objective is not always money. It is easy to give money, but sometimes we are asked to give something harder—work and service. That's what we have to give this year. We are asked to help organize one thousand new Junior Leagues.

John: Why do we want one thousand Junior Leagues? Is it just to boost the Luther League so we can say we have one thousand Leagues?

Mary: Oh, no, indeed, that would be foolish. We want every church to have a Luther League for the Juniors so that they may be trained for the work of the Church. We want one thousand Junior Leagues so that everywhere more boys and girls may learn about Christ, about all of our missionary work, and so they may be trained to love our Church and become workers when they grow a little older. We want everywhere the boys and girls to get the program of the Junior Luther League to help make them better church members.

John: What is the program of the Luther League for the Juniors?

Mary: I will let a number of the boys and girls tell you. (A number of the Juniors give these items. They may be written on paper and distributed beforehand.)

Juniors: The Junior League teaches us about the Bible.

We learn Bible stories in Junior League.

We memorize Bible passages.

We learn the Catechism and are started in the way of the catechetical class.

We learn about our Lutheran Church and its history.

We are taught the hymns of the Church.

We learn the Service of our Church.

We are taught to pray.

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There is a Twelve Point Program for Junior Leagues.

John: One thousand Junior Leagues! That seems a great many, doesn't it?

Mary: No, it is not so many if each one of our Luther Leagues would work and each do their part. Pennsylvania is trying to get 260, New York says she will get 200, Ohio's mark is 125. Each State has a certain number to get and if all the Leaguers work together I believe we can reach one thousand. I hope we can here. (Each Superintendent should get the quota for their State League and let the Junior tell how many here.)

John: Well, I suppose we must work and do all we can, for if each League helps, it will be a big help.

Mary: Yes. Let's plan at this meeting right now what we can do to help along the new Objective.

John: Let me think? Yes, you were right, it is easier to give money. We shall have to give time and work and service. Juniors, are we all ready to do this?

Juniors in concert: Yes.

John: What is the first thing we can do?

Mary: It seems to me the first thing we can do is to get our Senior League interested in this Objective, so that they will get some others to be leaders. The Juniors must have leaders and the Seniors must act as leaders. Maybe somehow we can get some of our Senior Leaguers to start Junior Leagues somewhere else.

John: Yes, that is a good idea. We have the President of the District in our League, and we have a great many places round about here that should have a Junior League. I move that we ask the Senior League if we couldn't come to their next meeting and show them how we conduct our meetings.

Mary: That is fine. We have two other Lutheran churches here in....., (if there are no others in your town, you may change to "there are several Lutheran churches nearby"). Then there is the Mission down on Street. And we have the Orphan Home nearby. We ought to have Junior Leagues in all of these. (Name any places in your vicinity.) There are five or six fine girls in our Senior Leagues who might be leaders. If we go and show them about a meeting perhaps they will be interested and help.

John: And there is St. John's Church. Let's invite their boys and girls to our meeting and show them a Junior League and perhaps they will start.

Mary: The other week Miss..... took me along to the Luther League Rally up at, They are going to have a convention soon. Couldn't some of we Juniors go up there and give a Junior meeting there and tell the whole convention about our work?

John: Yes, and we can take our scrapbooks and some of our posters along and show them the work we are doing.

Mary: Fine, I wonder if there is anything else we can do. Oh, yes, let's ask Miss to take our picture at the next meeting and then let's send it to Miss Mehlhouse with a little story about all our work. Maybe she will put it in the Luther League Review—or take it to Omaha—and that will help others see that Juniors can do something.

John: I think that is fine. And let's everyone of us resolve that we will all do everything we can to help along new Junior Leagues and let us decide now that just as soon as we are grown up a little more we are going to be the superintendent of Juniors somewhere.

Mary to all Juniors: All in favor say "Yes."

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